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Sun greets women at Henley

THE first day of Henley Royal Regatta was blessed yesterday with glorious weather, a large number of close races and the return of oarswomen to the fixture list.

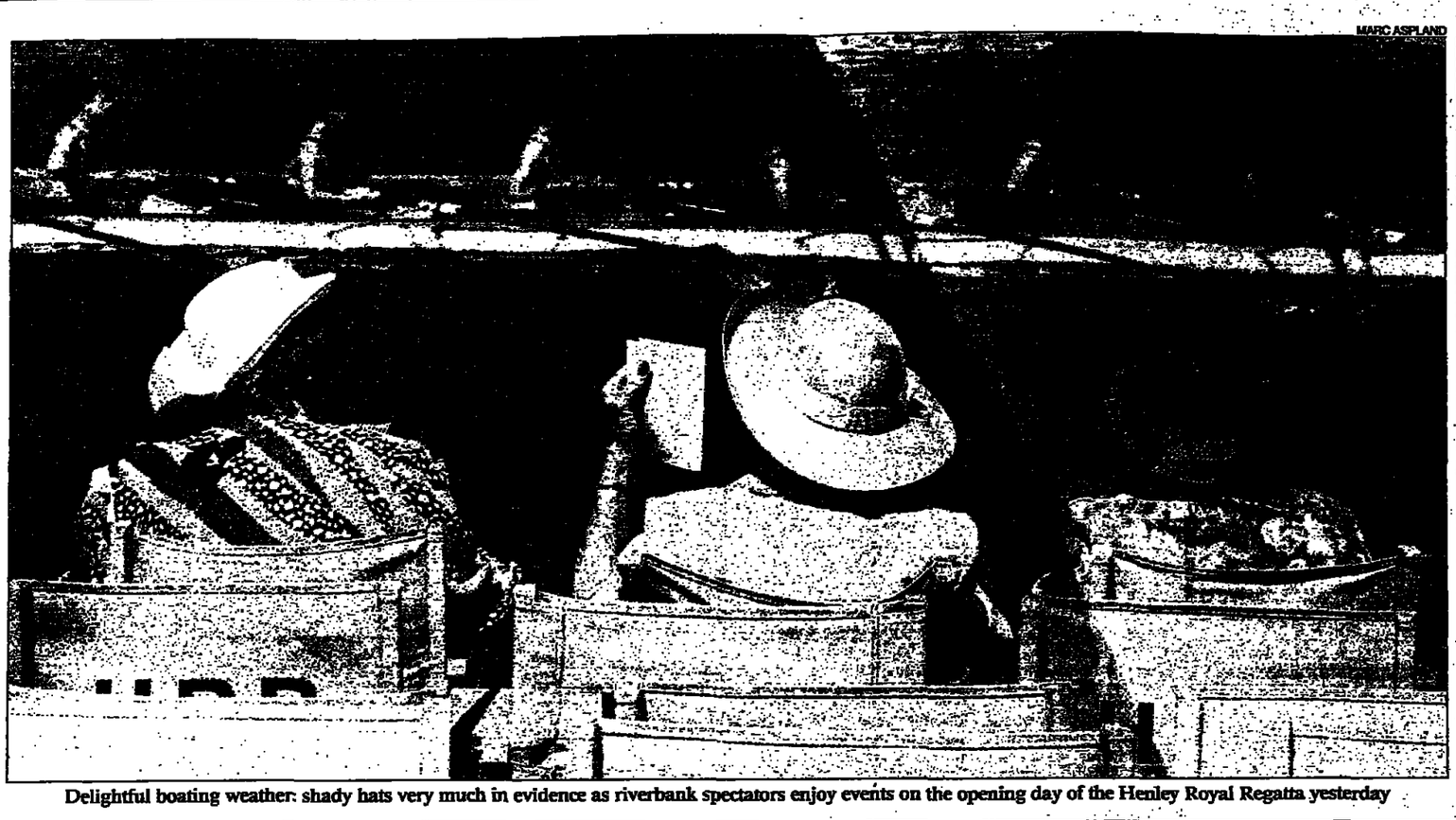
Women were first allowed to row at Henley ten years ago, but the experiment was deemed a failure: now they are back for the annual championship, with some grumbles from sport's chauvinist bastion.

Hospitality tents were confined to a third of the space of previous years, and there were no tents on the Berkshire bank, leaving some to speculate that the regatta was returning to its origins as a jolly day out for competitors, families and friends.

☐ At Wimbledon, Andre Agassi, the champion, went out of the men's singles to the tearful disappointment of his many female admirers. Agassi, recently voted by British women the world's most exciting sportsman, lost an epic quarter-final to Pete Sampras, the No 1 seed.

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MARC ASPLAND



Delightful boating weather: shady hats very much in evidence as riverbank spectators enjoy events on the opening day of the Henley Royal Regatta yesterday

BR sale plan hit by £164m deficit

BY TIM JONES
TRANSPORT CORRESPONDENT

SIR BOB Reid, the British Rail chairman, yesterday announced a £164 million loss for the year in a statement that will add to the gloom surrounding the government's plans to privatise the entire 11,000-mile rail network.

Sir Bob said that more money was needed to prevent the railway network deteriorating. Without extra cash, he said, passengers would face an increasing number of delays because of speed restrictions. Opposition politicians and union leaders claimed the losses made nonsense of the government's privatisation plans.

One senior BR source said that, although the first franchises are meant to be awarded next year, no serious approach has yet been made even for InterCity's London to Gatwick express, which is BR's most profitable line.

Sir Bob gave a warning that as privatisation approached there were still areas which gave him concern. "The first is that excessive bureaucracy may stifle the very initiatives which are needed to make the new railway a success. The other is the provision of adequate investment funds to sustain and develop the railway."

He said that the corporation's £1.5 billion financing limit for 1993-4 meant BR would not be able to spend the £850 million a year over the next decade that was required just to keep the passenger railway in good shape.

He said that yearly, to maintain present standards, £410 million had to be spent on Network SouthEast (NSE), £260 million on InterCity and £185 million on Regional Railways, half of which would be needed for signalling and track renewal.

John Nelson, NSE's managing director, said: "Without

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Lyell says fraud office forged letter from Steel

BY PHILIP WEBSTER AND NICHOLAS WOOD

■ The attorney-general promises to publish his correspondence with Michael Mates today as a hoax letter adds to concerns about the SFO

THE Serious Fraud Office was under growing scrutiny last night after Sir Nicholas Lyell, the attorney-general, admitted that a member of its staff forged a letter in the name of Sir David Steel in the course of one of its City enquiries.

Sir Nicholas told MPs that it was a prank and a serious error of judgment and that he had apologised to Sir David, the Liberal Democrat foreign affairs spokesman and former Liberal leader. Sir David said in a statement attacking the SFO that Sir Nicholas had earlier described the letter as "a thoroughly misguided April Fool joke".

Sir David's intervention, raising new questions about the behaviour of the SFO, came only minutes after Sir Nicholas had appeared to defuse Michael Mates's sensational allegations about its conduct in the Asil Nadir case by promising to publish 58 pages of correspondence between himself and the MP. But plans to release the papers last night were abandoned as government lawyers spent hours combing through them to ensure that their contents were not prejudicial to any trial and to prevent the identification of peripheral figures in the Polly Peck investigation. They are likely to be published today.

Sir Nicholas reassured Conservative MPs by insisting that the SFO had not acted improperly in pursuing its investigation of the fallen Polly Peck chief and that its traditions were unsullied by the affair.

In a point by point rejection of Mr Mates's allegations, Sir Nicholas said that there was no "tangible or verifiable evidence" that the SFO had tipped off the media about raids and arrests. He denied that the fraud office had tampered with privileged court documents and said that its officers had legal authority for seizing some of Mr Nadir's papers.

With Mr Mates surprisingly absent from the Commons, Sir Nicholas won backing from Tory MPs for his refusal to hold an independent enquiry into the handling of the Nadir affair. However, his attempts to restore confidence in the SFO's integrity were overshadowed by the Commons disclosure of its involvement in a forgery.

After Alex Carlisle, the Liberal Democrat MP, had raised the case with the attorney-general, Sir David gave details of the incident. Backing Mr Mates, Sir David urged a confidential enquiry by a senior judge into the conduct of the SFO.

He was supported by Robert Maclennan, another Liberal Democrat MP, who said that the "disquiet about the SFO, not only in this case [Mr Nadir's], will not evaporate without a thorough and full enquiry into its modes of operation". Sir David said that the forged letter was written when he took up the case of Nazmu Virani, who is facing a charge of conspiracy to defraud in connection with an SFO investigation of his company, Control Securities.

Mr Virani met Sir David last year to protest about the SFO's "bogus grounds" for initially opposing his bail. Mr Virani said that an SFO official had shown his solicitor, David Freeman, a letter written on Commons notepaper and supposedly signed by Sir David, saying that he would attend a court hearing. "I wrote no such letter," Sir David said.

Sir Nicholas said of the forgery: "There was a very serious lapse from that standard in a grave error of misjudgment, about which I have apologised personally to Sir David. I have looked into it very carefully. It was dealt with internally.

"It was a very serious error of judgment, but it was not a matter of dishonesty or anything of that nature. It was a serious error of judgment, a stupid thing to do. The water should not be muddied. Looked at as a whole, the SFO does its work diligently and scrupulously."

Earlier, Sir Nicholas said: "It is mistaken and wholly inimical to our system of justice to set up a so-called independent enquiry into the handling of such matters in parallel to a trial." The issues raised by Mr Mates in the Commons had already been carefully and dispassionately examined. There was no procedure or justification for an independent enquiry in parallel to the trial.

"There is no justification for the defendant staying away and any submissions as to the fairness of his trial are matters for the judge and the courts alone." Although Sir Nicholas rejected most of the detailed allegations made by Mr Mates about the SFO's handling of the Nadir case, he conceded that there was some substance to the former minister's charge that the SFO had exerted pressure on Mr Justice Tucker, the trial judge in the case arising from the collapse of Polly Peck.

Sir Nicholas told MPs: "The alleged conspiracy to bribe the judge is the subject of a separate police investigation under the supervision not of the SFO but the Director of Public Prosecutions.

"I do not propose to say more about it, since it has been dealt with in court either in camera or subject to reporting restrictions ... [the investigation] has revealed no credible evidence implicating the judge personally in any way."

Sir Ivan Lawrence QC, chairman of the home affairs select committee, warned MPs against becoming embroiled in cases before the courts. "There is always a danger when backbenchers of all parties get carried away with their enthusiasm about some rights or wrongs that may exist in some judicial process, that at the end of the day what we will achieve is the pollution of the pure stream of justice," he said.

MPs on both sides raised doubts over wisdom of the SFO investigating allegations made against itself. Gerald Bermingham, Labour MP for St Helens South, said that it was like asking a police superintendent to investigate himself.

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FOR SALE: Asil Nadir's £1.25m flat in Eaton Square, shell box not included

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Saddam 'wanted supergun for anthrax attacks'

BY MICHAEL DYNES, WHITEHALL CORRESPONDENT

IRAQ'S supergun project would have enabled President Saddam Hussein to fire one-tonne anthrax shells at the Israeli city of Tel Aviv, Lord Justice Scott's enquiry into arms-related exports to Iraq was told yesterday.

The supergun's revolutionary design, which included setting off a series of explosions down the length of the barrel, could have fired the shells over distances of 1,400 miles, putting Tel Aviv well within range of Baghdad.

Giving evidence previously withheld from Parliament, David James, the chairman of Eagle Trust, told how Mossad, the Israeli intelligence service, asked its European counterparts to look out for components of a "monster gun" which it believed was being made in Europe.

Mossad agents had told MI6 that the tubes of the supergun, known as Project Babylon, "were intended almost certainly for the delivery of anthrax shells". Mr James said. He told the enquiry how he became suspicious of three steel tubes made by Walter Somers, the West Midlands-based foundry owned by Eagle Trust, during a visit to the company in January 1990.

Mr James said that, though the tubes looked like a large gun, the absence of any rifling — the spiral grooves in a gun barrel which give shells extra velocity — made him think it was some kind of missile-launcher. He later passed this information to MI6, who told him about the project.

"The lack of rifling was entirely consistent with germ warfare, where accuracy was not needed," Mr James said. He had worked closely with an MI6 officer, referred to as Mr Z, until eight huge steel tubes were seized by Customs officials at Teesside that April.

A few days after Mr Z had made contact with Mr James, Dr Gerald Bull, a Canadian ballistics expert, was assassinated in Brussels. It was then that Peter Mitchell, Walter Somers's managing director, told Mr James that Dr Bull had helped to design the tubes. When Mr James uncovered further evidence about the gun's specification, Mr Z reacted with whoops of joy.

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FIRST HARDCOVER

Police pay scheme gets on wrong side of law

BY RICHARD FORD AND STEWART TENDLER

FAR-REACHING plans to alter police pay and conditions last night met a barrage of outraged opposition from police leaders.

The plans, published yesterday by a Home Office enquiry chaired by Sir Patrick Sheehy, head of BAT, the tobacco and financial services group, propose to replace annual pay awards with performance-related salaries, fixed-term contracts, and the dropping of three ranks.

Sir Patrick's enquiry envisages a reduction of 2,200 in the size of the police force through redundancies among middle-ranking officers; the bill for severance pay would be more than £500 million.

Sir Patrick said the police were generally held in high regard, but public confidence had dropped. The recommendation were aimed at increasing the number of officers doing "real policing, not sitting behind desks pushing paper, but out on the beat". He believes many of his report's 272 recommendations, made after a year-long enquiry, will motivate the best officers, weed out time servers and improve the standing of officers on the front line.

Consultation with police leaders will take place in the next three months, and Michael Howard, the home secretary, intends to include the results in a police bill in the next session of parliament. In trying to improve the government's law and order record, he is likely to proceed cautiously.

The Police Federation, representing more than 120,000 junior ranks, said yesterday that it was prepared to confront the government over the proposals. Fred Boughton, the federation's vice-chairman, said the proposed system would not motivate officers but would leave them to fight to reach targets for extra pay. Mass protests are being planned.

Chief Superintendent Brian Butcher, of the Superintendents' Association, said the report was an attack on the police. It would mean a service with less able and less motivated officers. Starting salaries would be lower, and as the job market improved the best and brightest would leave.

John Burrow, chief constable of Essex and president of the Association of Chief Police Officers, said he was pleased by the pay plans.

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Lyell pours cold facts on stormy waters

MATTHEW PARRIS
POLITICAL SKETCH

If the attorney-general had been a tall, dashing fellow with the profile of an eagle, gimlet-eyed and scornful of countenance: and if he had swept into the Chamber yesterday in wig and gown: and if he had risen majestically at the dispatch box and — his brow like thunder — torn into the allegations against the SFO made by Colonel Mates MP and mounted an impassioned defence of the honour and integrity of the men beneath his command... ff, as I say, the attorney-general had responded to the drama of the Commons occasion, then he would not have done himself half as much good as the low-key, painstaking and rather factual Nicholas Lyell did yesterday afternoon.

Sir Nicholas is of average height with thinning hair, and wears a two-piece lounge-suit. He has an earnest voice, a careful, hesitating way of talking and a slight stammer. His answers tend more towards caution than magnificence, but he does sound as though he is trying to be fair. We feel fairly confident that we are getting the truth and reasonably sure it is nothing but the truth. Two out of three: a high score for a lawyer.

He rose yesterday and told MPs he would try to respond to Michael Mates's allegations (shouts of "where is he?"). "I wish to explain briefly," said Lyell quietly, "how his concerns have been dealt with to date." An almost tangible sense of disappointment ran around the Chamber. Oh dear. *facts*. We had hoped for drama.

Various facts now followed. Heads lolled back onto benches — it was a hot afternoon — and one or two backbenchers left. As the attorney mentioned that "two bags had been opened in error by the police", an eye or two, here or there, opened; but closed again as Lyell reported that the mistake had been reported and the bags re-sealed. When he told MPs that the complete correspondence between himself and Mates would be published there was an almost audible sigh of disappointment. Published? Then there couldn't be anything interesting in it.

By the time Lyell sat down the events of 24 hours earlier, with Madam Speaker and Colonel Mates wrestling their way to an even draw, began to seem like a feverish dream. The attorney was followed by his Labour Shadow, John Fraser.

If Fraser had been a demagogue and people's hero, rather than a bald, amiable south London MP with big ears and a gentle manner; if he had railed against Tory conspiracies, hammered home the charges laid by Mates and cried shame upon the corruption of office... then, though he would have enjoyed half an hour of glory, he would not have done himself half as much good as he did yesterday with his fair-minded cross-questioning of the attorney. He was distinctly unhistrionic, but sounded as if he knew what he was talking about. Fresh in MPs' minds were the horrors Mates claimed the SFO had perpetrated; but Fraser reminded them that "attacking the integrity of the prosecution is a fairly standard method of defence".

Firebrands behind him looked cast down, but others started to listen. The impression MPs were left with was that no great injustice had occurred, but that all was not entirely well with SFO working practices. Farewell to high drama. To emphasise the bathos, John Gummer chose the first question of his first session as environment secretary for this rallying declaration of his hopes for the planet: "I have the British dry-cleaning industry close to my heart."

'We expected him to knock the door down, but he's blown it off its hinges'

Nadir camp delights in fall-out from Mates speech

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN LAPTA

ASIL Nadir and his camp of British and Turkish Cypriot backers were in triumphant mood yesterday after the forthright statement by Michael Mates. They were confident it would force a public enquiry into the Serious Fraud Office and the eventual collapse of the case against the former head of Polly Peck.

"We expected Mates to knock the door down, but he has blown it off its bloody hinges," one of Mr Nadir's associates said. "The question now is how does he get the documents in his possession into the British political domain?"

Among schemes being discussed by Mr Nadir's advisers are an approach to CNN, or some other international broadcasting organisation which might be prepared to propagate the documents claiming to back up the allegations against the Serious Fraud Office.

The SFO has already received legal advice that many of the documents in Mr Nadir's possession here are unbroadcastable in Britain. "Luckily, there is now one strand of legal opinion that believes that Mr Mates's performance in the Commons will make it easier now to make the documents public," said Elizabeth Forsyth, Mr Nadir's former financial adviser.

As part of Mr Nadir's campaign, video tapes of the Mates speech and reaction to it were being flown out here last night. One associate of the fugitive businessman said: "Obviously, the Mates intervention has increased optimism that one day he can go back to Britain. He is even looking into ways he can sue those British papers who have been most vindictive to him."

According to Mr Nadir's associates, the evidence accumulated in northern Cyprus includes transcripts of in-camera British court proceedings and two tape recordings of conversations that are being kept "under lock and key" for use later if deemed necessary.

Those who have been given access to the documents have been impressed by the serious question marks they raise about the SFO's conduct of its investigation into Polly Peck.

Other allegations understood to be covered in the Nadir documents, some of which could be made public as early as tomorrow, include the theft of material vital to his defence, the role of the Inland Revenue, links between the SFO and the Greek Cypriots and alleged undercover investigations in northern Cyprus.

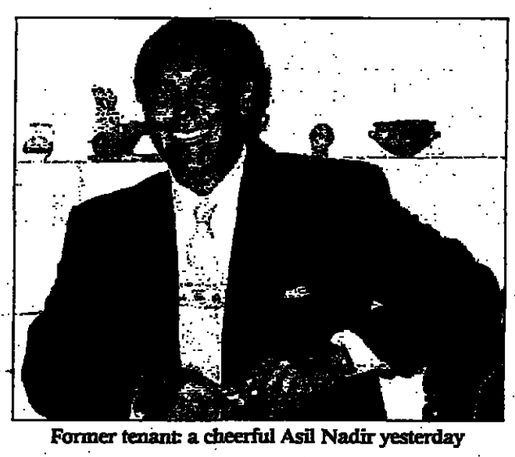
The celebratory atmosphere here was accompanied by more than normal paranoia about alleged Greek Cypriot and British Secret Service involvement in the Polly Peck affair. For seven hours before and after Mr Mates's speech the antiquated system of 15 international phonelines which link the Turkish Cypriot enclave with the outside world collapsed, permitting no calls in or out. Among members of the Nadir camp, the breakdown was attributed to British intelligence experts operating from the British listening post on the south of the island. Local telephone operators were more inclined to blame workmen digging up the road.

☐ Michael Mates had lunch with Asil Nadir at a West End restaurant just two weeks before the former chairman of Polly Peck skipped bail and fled to Northern Cyprus on May 4. The couple met in the Scotts Oyster bar near Berkeley Square and enjoyed a long and convivial lunch, according to other diners. Mr Mates has admitted meeting Mr Nadir since his arrest in December 1990 but it was not know that the two had meet so soon before the fugitive businessman's flight.

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Cleared out: receivers emptied Asil Nadir's flat in Eaton Square, Belgravia, of furniture after he fled from Britain



Former tenant: a cheerful Asil Nadir yesterday



Memories: 40 copies of a visitor's guide to Turkey can be found in the kitchen of the flat

Flat reflects style of former tenant

BY RACHEL KELLY, PROPERTY CORRESPONDENT

THE Eaton Square flat of Asil Nadir went on the market yesterday for £1.25 million, its style the very model of night-club tackiness.

Grosvenor Estate Holdings, which owns the freehold, reclaimed the London flat two months ago when Mr Nadir fled the country. His lease ran out in December and he was negotiating an extension when he jumped bail.

The two-bedroom, first-floor property on the north of the square runs the width of two white stucco houses and is for sale through Lassman and Aylesford on a 20-year lease. The few pieces of furniture left by Mr Nadir have been disposed of by receivers.

But a few tell-tale signs remain: stickers of the Turkish-Cypriot flag, two Chubb safes, a box of shotgun pellets in the bedroom and a box of 40 copies of *Turkey the Beautiful* in the kitchen. All doors are covered with locks and there is an alarm system by the bed.

Mr Nadir's taste, and that of his ex-wife Ayesha lives on. The flat is dominated by mirrors: gold and bronze-tinted, smoked glass and marbled. The hall, drawing room, and dining room are decorated to look their best by night. The main hall, which leads off a mirrored ante hall, is lined with deep vermilion silk, lit by recessed spotlights and has a black and white marble floor. It leads to a tented inner hall, again lined with deep red silk.

The sitting room is lined with eau-de-nil coloured silk, fraying at the edges and with bald squares lined with cheaper material where pictures once hung. The curtains are of matching silk. Floor-to-ceiling mirrors hang either side of the three French windows.

Next door is Mr Nadir's small study, with a ten-line telephone switchboard, a Porsche sticker on the door and a Turkish Cypriot flag sticker on the cupboard. Down a more modest mirrored passage is a small bathroom, which leads to a safe room. The door has obviously been forced and two Chubb safes were still locked.

Mr Nadir's black-carpeted bedroom leads to a marbelled bathroom and through to staff quarters. Divided by a iron grille, the quarters include a small bedroom and bathroom.

Labour to repay fraud probe cash

BY OUR POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

THE Labour party is to repay the £11,000 donation from Charilaos Costa, the Greek Cypriot tycoon at the centre of a fraud investigation.

In a move aimed at further embarrassing the Conservative leadership over the Nadir case, Labour's ruling executive decided unanimously yesterday to hand Mr Costa's donation to the receivers who are handling the clothing manufacturer's assets. Mr Costa, an acquaintance of Neil Kinnock, the former Labour leader, paid the money to the party in two parts: £1,000 in 1987 followed by £10,000 in 1990.

The Serious Fraud Office is investigating the alleged fraudulent loss of up to £14 million from Mr Costa's companies. The businessman has been living in Cyprus since his business collapsed in 1991 and a warrant is outstanding for his arrest on a charge of conspiracy to defraud.

John Smith was anxious for his party to act quickly to stop Tory MPs drawing parallels between the Costa donation and Asil Nadir's £440,000 donation to the Conservatives.

The repayment will put fresh pressure on the Conservatives to hand back the donations from Mr Nadir, who fled to northern Cyprus while awaiting trial.

MPs will examine rules on statements

BY SHEILA GUNN, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

THE rules governing personal statements in the House by ministers who are sacked or resign will be examined by the Commons procedure committee.

In the wake of the highly charged speeches by Michael Mates and Norman Lamont when they left office, the committee agreed last night to look again at the special status given to resignation statements in the House.

The Speaker, Betty Boothroyd, acknowledged in the Commons yesterday that there was "a lot of disquiet" among MPs about the use of such statements. While personal statements must be cleared with the Speaker, those by out-going ministers need not. She told MPs that she had not seen Mr Mates's statement beforehand.

After the committee's decision to investigate the rules, Sir Peter Emery, the chairman, said last night: "Obviously the problems which the Speaker had to deal with in the House on Tuesday is something that should be, if possible, avoided in any future occasion. The committee will be seeing if there are any ways we can bring that about."

The committee is not expected to call Mr Mates or other former ministers to give evidence but is likely to discuss the rules privately with the Speaker. The committee's MPs are anxious to retain the freedom for ex-ministers to have their say after leaving office, however embarrassing for the government.

But in the wake of the heated exchanges between Mr Mates and the Speaker on Tuesday they will probably recommend that a former minister clears the text with the Speaker for possible infringements of the sub-judice rules.

A Downing Street official questioned the apparent anomaly that a personal statement needs to be cleared with the Speaker, and a resignation statement does not.

He described it as "a little odd" that Mr Mates's statement was widely circulated to the press before it was delivered to MPs. Mr Mates commented that he saw the Speaker on Tuesday at lunchtime before he made his statement and she did not ask to see the text in advance.

Personal and resignation statements used to be a rarity. Before last year, the most contentious contribution had come from Sir Geoffrey Howe after he left Margaret Thatcher's government.

But in less than a year, the Commons has been treated to a spate of such monologues from four former ministers: David Mellor, Norman Lamont, Archie Hamilton and Michael Mates.

Poll shows growing concern over crime

BY PETER RIDDELL

THE public regards mugging and vandalism as the most serious problem facing their families and has less confidence in the police, according to the latest MORI poll for *The Times*.

The findings come just before the House of Commons holds a full-scale debate this afternoon on law and order and follows this week's proposals on reorganising the police.

The poll emphasises why Michael Howard, the home secretary, is keen to counter-attack following a series of speeches highlighting public concern over crime by Tony Blair, the shadow home secretary. The government plans legislation in the next parliamentary session on criminal justice and on the police.

MORI asked more than 700 adults which, if any, of a series of issues were major problems facing them and their immediate families. Mugging and vandalism are now top of the list, mentioned by a third of the sample compared with just over a fifth ten years ago. Second comes fear of unemployment, mentioned by 27 per cent, which was also a sharp increase over the decade.

The greater concern about violent crime has been accompanied by a decline in public confidence in the police. The proportion agreeing that there is a serious shortage of police officers in the area where they live has risen from 55 to 64 per cent since 1977.

In the same 16 years, the proportion agreeing that police should have the right to strike has fallen from 56 to 44 per cent, with the number disagreeing up from 36 to 46 per cent.

Despite increased concern about crime, the public is also wary about the way that police operate. The proportion agreeing that officers should use whatever force is necessary to maintain law and order has dropped from nearly three quarters to just under two thirds.

There has been no change in the proportion in the survey referring to the health of a relative or poor public transport as being major problems for them or their families. However, there has been an increase in concern about respondents' own health and the quality of schools.

☐ *MORI interviewed a representative quota sample of 717 adults at 75 constituency sampling points. Interviews were conducted face to face on June 24 to 28. Data were weighted to match the profile of the population.*

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considerable investment, in the region of £450 million a year, NSE will be unable to maintain, let alone improve, existing standards."

The annual results, which included £96 million in interest charges and expenditure of £86 million, primarily on redundancy costs, and reflected falling passenger numbers because of the recession, caused an immediate political furore.

Brian Wilson, Labour's transport spokesman, said: "The decision to change accounting methods, with the result that the losses are lower than they would have been, is an attempt to convince the money men that privatisation is an attractive proposition."

Jimmy Knapp, leader of the RMT, the biggest rail union said: "It beggars belief to suggest that this has nothing to do with privatisation."

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THE following appointme were announced by the Ed of *The Times* last night. Riddell becomes Ass Editor (Politics); Philip W ster is appointed Political E tor; Nicholas Wood becom Chief Political Corresponde

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Inland Revenue cheated of £55m in an 'offence in a category entirely of its own'

Nissan UK pair jailed for huge fraud



Jailed: Hunt arrives at court with his wife

BY BILL FROST

MICHAEL Hunt, the multi-millionaire managing director of Nissan UK, was jailed yesterday for eight years for his role in Britain's biggest tax fraud. Mr Justice Gatehouse, the judge in the £2.2 million trial at Southwark Crown Court, said Hunt had committed an offence that was "in a category entirely of its own".

The 59-year-old businessman had helped syphon off nearly £140 million from profits and defrauded the Inland Revenue of £55 million over nine years.

Hunt's wife, Shirley, and daughter, Wanda, sitting in the packed public gallery, burst into tears as they heard the sentence. His son, Chester, held his head in his hands.

Mr Justice Gatehouse told Hunt: "You realise that this is an offence which is so serious that only a custodial sentence is appropriate, an immediate custodial sentence which is bound to be a long one. Accepting, as I think I must do, that you came to a conspiracy of cheating the Revenue that was already up and running, the fact is that you continued to assist that conspiracy for the best part of nine years."

Hunt, who appeared taken aback at the severity of the sentence, was ordered to pay more than £513,000 prosecution costs. He was also disqualified from being a company director for ten years.

Frank Shannon, former financial director and company secretary of Nissan UK, was jailed for three years and ordered to pay more than £131,000 costs. Shannon, 60, was also disqualified from being a director for ten years.

The trial jury had been told that Hunt had been part of a team of "sophisticated fraudsters". They had included Octav Botnar, Nissan UK's former chairman and "prime mover" in the swindle, a couple of Swiss bankers and other top businessmen. It had been a "truly massive" fraud. A warrant has been issued for Mr Botnar's arrest.

The court heard that Hunt, from Hove, East Sussex, Botnar and others, used bogus invoices and a sham shipping agent to inflate freight charges and conceal an extra profit averaging £115 on each Nissan car or van imported from Japan. The money was then laundered through Swiss bank accounts and has yet to be recovered.

Shannon went along with Britain's biggest tax swindle because of a "reign of terror" by "autocratic" company chief Mr Botnar, the jury heard. Anthony Hooper QC, for the defence, said: "Having stumbled on the fraud he took no action when he should have taken action."

Imposing his sentence, the judge said he was giving Shannon credit for his guilty plea and the co-operation he gave the tax authorities in their investigations. He told Shannon, who admitted one charge of cheating the Revenue between November 1985 and October 1986, that his crime was less serious than Hunt's.

The judge told both men he would make no confiscation or compensation orders against them because that would have delayed their sentences. The Revenue would decide whether to seek civil remedies.

Hunt, convicted by a majority verdict on one charge of conspiracy to cheat the Revenue between 1982 and 1991 but cleared on a similar charge, owned 14 per cent of Nissan UK. The jury heard he had "personally benefited" from the fraud to the tune of £30 million. Michael Sherrard QC, for the defence, yesterday told the court there was neither direct nor indirect evidence to support such a claim. He said his client was a "late participant" in a fraud that was already up and running. Despite the tragedy that the case meant to Hunt and his family, he had not absconded, as he could easily have done, but had faced the "ghastly music".

Mastermind ends career as refugee from the taxman

BY KEVIN EASON
MOTORING CORRESPONDENT

THE man at the centre of Britain's biggest fraud trial was at home in Switzerland yesterday in his chalet on a mountain overlooking Lake Geneva as sentences were passed on his deputies. Octav Botnar, who ran Nissan UK with an autocratic ruthlessness, was not in court to face the last chapter in the story of Europe's most profitable motor dealer chain.

The East German immigrant, who fled the Iron Curtain to gamble on importing Japanese cars when they were regarded with disdain by British industry, is recovering from surgery, believed to be for cancer, and has decided never to return to Britain.

Even in his absence, he has become a figure of controversy, reportedly paying up to £1 million into offshore accounts belonging to the Conservative party. On the day Mrs Thatcher left Downing Street, he called to offer his commiseration.

Now, Mr Botnar, 80, is a refugee again but this time from the taxman, ending a career that put him into the top tier of foreign businessmen, like Asil Nadir or Robert Maxwell, who built huge companies in Britain from nothing. His reputation was formidable, capable of chatting with the humblest staff member, yet interrogating his directors in the boardroom at the company's headquarters in Worthing, West Sussex.

Mr Botnar came to Britain in the 1960s to reorganise the old NSU motorcycle business, taking over rights in 1969 to import Datsun (later Nissan) cars. From selling only 1,200 cars in its first year, Nissan UK peaked at more than 106,000 through 180 dealerships, making Britain Nissan's biggest market and Nissan UK one of the country's most valuable private businesses with a turnover of £1.5 billion and profits of almost £150 million a year.

Mr Botnar was the intermediary between the British government and Nissan in negotiations to persuade the Japanese company to build its manufacturing plant at Washington, Tyne and Wear, in 1986.

Physically small, with a strong German accent, he rarely appeared at public functions. Bequests to charity were estimated to be worth £80 million over 20 years, including £1 million to the Royal Ballet School and £8 million to Great Ormond Street Hospital for Sick Children.

Yet his temper would make directors quake and he could be extraordinarily determined to get his own way, as Nissan discovered. The relationship between the Japanese company and Mr Botnar became increasingly strained until Nissan decided to terminate his exclusive import deal in 1991.

He could never be convinced that the Japanese were not involved in sparking the raid and has spent the past two years in court battles in Britain, Japan and America trying to prove that Nissan was wrong.

The Botnar empire is now reduced to the AFG dealer chain, which is not allowed to sell Nissans, but has taken on other car franchises and runs without its chairman.



Botnar: does not intend returning to Britain

Rabies victim's diary tells of terror of water

BY JOHN YOUNG

THE terrifying last days of a Briton who died of rabies are vividly chronicled in a diary discovered by his parents, who flew to Singapore for his cremation.

Rabies was formerly known as hydrophobia, an acute fear of water, and in his diary Mark Sell, 32, describes how he was "scared to death" of even taking a drink. In the last hours before his death a week ago he wrote: "Never been so scared in my life ... I jump just putting my hand under a tap."

His final entry reads: "Very scared of liquid. But very dehydrated and weak. Breathing laboured. Please help."

Mr Sell, a commercial diver said to be earning £75,000 a year, died in hospital in Singapore three days after being taken ill in Jakarta, Indonesia, where he was laying pipes in the harbour.

The former sailor had lived for five years in Thailand, where he married a local woman and had a three-year-old daughter. The couple were divorced earlier this year.

Two months ago he was bitten by a friend's dog. However, he had a morbid fear of injections and refused the anti-rabies jab that could have saved his life.

When he was taken ill on Monday of last week he was admitted to hospital in Jakarta, where he began recording his fears and feelings.

The first entry reads: "Two months ago bitten on arm and ear by friend's dog. Two weeks ago dog dies. When dead still no check for rabies ... Woke up 5pm Monday, cannot face food, cannot wake up. From now on always tired.

"Midnight to 6am. Two dives. Heavy vomiting after both. Jump in water for second dive. Hydrophobia starts. Breathing far too strong, but don't understand."

In hospital he became so scared of water that he refused to drink it. He was given valium as fits began and his condition worsened.

"Tried drinking water, very dehydrated but very hydrophobic (breathing goes crazy). Really scary. Going crazy through fits. Breathing bad. I am getting scared to death of water."

Mr Sell was eventually given an anti-rabies injection to stop convulsions. Afterwards he wrote: "7am go for shower. Never been so scared in my life. Takes half an hour to recover. I jump just putting my hand under tap."

Mr Sell eventually checked out of the hospital in Jakarta and flew to Singapore, where he was admitted to the Glen Eagles hospital. A few hours later he died after a massive heart attack brought on by pneumonia.

His father, Terry Sell, of Luton, Bedfordshire, said: "He was a brave man and faced danger constantly as a diver, but he was terrified of injections. He couldn't stand even to look at a syringe.

"He was very fit but he had a terrible chest infection when he died. It may be the case that, because he was so fit, he didn't realise how bad he was getting. It is a tragedy."

The family hope to adopt Mr Sell's daughter, Tina, who is being cared for in Thailand.

Rabies is an acute infectious disease of the central nervous system, usually transmitted by dogs, bats and wild carnivorous animals. It can be prevented by vaccination but is otherwise usually fatal.

The disease was eradicated in Britain early in this century, but is endemic in many other parts of the world, including much of continental Europe, and is the principal reason why Britain continues to insist on strict quarantine controls on animals entering the country.

IAN STEWART



Cheer leader: Barbra Streisand, Andre Agassi's number one fan, gives vent to her feelings on centre court

Streisand fails to save the champion

THE spotlight moved away from Wimbledon champion Andre Agassi for a while yesterday when his close friend Barbra Streisand arrived on centre court to watch him. Agassi, 23, was playing the top seed Pete Sampras, but as they warmed up all eyes were on the players' box, where the 51-year-old singer and film star sat.

Slightly taken aback to be asked for her ticket by a steward, Miss Streisand had said she was really looking forward to the match — "It'll be great". It did not, however, get off to a great start, and she looked on in anguish as Agassi lost the first two sets. As he fought back to win the next two, she frequently jumped up to applaud. Unfortunately her enthusiasm was not enough to save him.

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Supergrass implicates police

BY A STAFF REPORTER

MANY of Scotland Yard's top detectives were involved in corrupt dealings with the "supergrass" Maurice O'Mahoney, he claimed yesterday during his trial for robbery and firearms offences at the Old Bailey.

Mr O'Mahoney, author of the book *King Squealer*, said he gave guns to officers to plant on suspects, paid them bribes, laundered proceeds from the Brink's-Mat robbery, and acted as a "bag man" to collect and deliver corrupt payments to police officers for "deals and favours".

He was arrested in June 1992 after a robbery at a post office in Shepherds Bush, west London, with a friend, Alan Stevens, 44, from Bristol. They deny the robbery and firearms charges, claiming that they were framed by police who ambushed them, fired on them eight times in an effort to kill them and planted two weapons, a Magnum revolver and a starting pistol, on them.

Stephen Batten QC, for the defence, said that Mr O'Mahoney's knowledge of corrupt policing made him a target for murder.

The court was told that Mr O'Mahoney, 44, from Paddington, west London, was jailed for five years in 1974 for 102 offences. At that time he informed on 150 criminal associates and gave evidence against many of them at trials. He told the jury that a panel of Scotland Yard's senior officers swore him to secrecy in 1974 and warned him "never to reveal anything about bent police officers". He said the panel included Chief Supt Jack Slipper, Det Supt John Swain, Chief Insp Mike McAdam and another chief inspector named Dixon.

Mr O'Mahoney claimed to have met a number of senior officers through former Det Con Michael Ross, who ran Brief's wine bar, opposite Inner London Crown Court. "I used to launder a lot of money for Micky Ross," he told the jury. This was at the time of the £26 million Brink's-Mat gold bullion robbery and he alleged that one of the robbers, Michael McAvoy, came into the wine bar and asked Mr Ross if he could launder between £1 and £2 million.

The trial continues today.

Siblings found dead in cots

BY IAN MURRAY

A BOY aged five months and his 18-month-old sister have both died for unexplained reasons in their cots.

The bodies of Anthony Jason and Christine Robinson were found in separate bedrooms at their semi-detached council home at Chester-le-Street, co. Durham, on Tuesday night.

Police yesterday called in medical experts to investigate the mysterious deaths. Four years ago their mother lost another baby girl as a cot death victim, but police said there was no medical evidence to link the tragedies.

The babies' parents, Peter and Maxine Robinson, aged 31 and 25, found the bodies and called neighbours to summon help. The crew of an ambulance were unable to revive them.

A police pathologist later carried out a post-mortem examination and said he could find no obvious cause for death. Det Supt Bob Hall, in charge of the case, said that it was "a very delicate inquiry" that was puzzling police. "We simply have no answers."

Some items from the home had been sent for tests and there will be further examination of samples taken from the bodies. It is expected to be several weeks before the results of all the tests are known.

Mr and Mrs Robinson had made purely routine statements and were said to be in a state of shock, being treated by their family doctor. They had told police that in 1989, during her first marriage, Mrs Robinson had lost a nine-month-old girl called Vicki as a cot death victim. The coroner recorded an open verdict.

That tragedy, which led to the break-up of the marriage, occurred at the end of a hot day during which Vicki had been in a garden paddling pool. Christine and Anthony did the same on Tuesday.

Margaret Reeve, a neighbour, said Mrs Robinson had told her that the children had been in the paddling pool playing about all day. Her husband had gone up to see the babies at 9.30 pm and came downstairs to report they were all right. Half an hour later Mrs Robinson went up to check them herself and found them both dead.

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Businessman's MI6 call led to supergun seizure

By Michael Dynes
Whitehall Correspondent

A routine visit to a foundry in Halesowen led to the discovery of three huge tubes being readied for the Iraqi supergun

A TELEPHONE call from a British businessman helped MI6 to track down and expose the Iraqi supergun conspiracy, Lord Justice Scott's enquiry into the arms-to-Iraq affair was told yesterday.

David James, the chairman of Eagle Trust, the financial services conglomerate, told the enquiry that it was his call which triggered the international investigation which culminated in a dramatic seizure by Customs in April 1990.

Eight steel tubes were confiscated on the dockside at Teesport. The enquiry was told they could be assembled to make a giant gun barrel capable of firing one tonne anthrax shells on Tel Aviv.

Mr James told the enquiry how he first became suspicious of three steel tubes during a visit in January 1990 to Walter Somers, the Halesowen-based foundry which his company owned.

Giving evidence he had previously withheld from the trade and industry select committee's investigation into the supergun, Mr James said that during a routine visit to the foundry he stumbled upon three tubes which were quite different from anything else in the factory, one of which had a "thumping great muzzle".

Without informing the Walter Somers management, Mr James called in Charles Whyte, a colleague with "considerable engineering experience" who began making enquiries. It soon became clear the tubes were manufactured to specifications far in excess of what was needed for petrochemcial equipment.

Revealing his connections with the security services for the first time, Mr James said that he telephoned MI6 with the information and was promptly put in touch with an intelligence officer, referred to as a Mr Z, with whom Mr James worked closely until the dockside seizures in April.

Mr Z told Mr James that Mossad, Israel's security service, had warned its European counterparts to be on the lookout for components of a monster gun, known as Project Babylon, capable of firing huge shells over a distance of 1,400 miles. Mr Z, however, was disappointed over the size of the Walter Somers tubes, which he felt were not big enough for the supergun.

A few days later, news broke of the assassination in Brussels of Dr Gerald Bull, the Canadian ballistics expert. It was at this point that Peter Mitchell, Walter Somers's managing director, called Mr James "in a state of anxiety" and told him that Dr Bull had helped design the three tubes being made at Halesowen.

After uncovering a letter of credit for the Walter Somers tubes, Mr James used his contacts in international banking to trace other payments from Baghdad to European manufacturers. He found details of payments to a Scottish company which had supplied steel to Sheffield Forgemasters matching the specifications of the monster gun MI6 was looking for.

Mr Z reacted to this discovery with "whoops of joy" and asked for more details from the Walter Somers files. Mr James described how special equipment supplied by MI6 was used to copy more than 900 Walter Somers documents in darkness.

The documents revealed that Walter Somers had turned down an order for tubes one metre in diameter in 1988, which went to Sheffield Forgemasters instead. Mr Z described the discovery as a major intellience coup, Mr James said. Within hours the giant tubes manufactured by Sheffield Forgemasters were seized at Teesport.

Asked why he did not mention his connections with the security services when giving evidence to the trade and industry committee investigation in December 1991, Mr James said that he wanted to avoid revealing his relations with MI6 partly "for my own personal safety".

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Criticism sours Queen's visit to Lockerbie



In memoriam: the Queen adjusts a ribbon on the wreath to commemorate the victims of Lockerbie

Americans accuse UK of complacency

By Gillian Bowditch, Scotland Correspondent

THE visit by the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh to Lockerbie yesterday turned into a political row, with relatives of American victims of the Lockerbie bombing accusing the British government of wavering in its commitment to fight terrorism.

Bert Ammerman, spokesman for the Americans, said the people who died on Pan Am Flight 103 in December 1988 were "the forgotten victims". Praising America's recent bombing raid on Iraq, he called for an increase in sanctions against Libya. "An oil embargo and a naval blockade are the only actions Gaddafi understands," he said.

It was the first time the Queen had visited the Scottish Borders town since the bombing and a crowd of 1,500 greeted the royal couple with polite applause. Local people noted that the Queen had not visited the disaster site earlier and the relative of one victim commented it was "better late than never".

The Queen and Duke met many of the Scottish relatives of the 270 victims and saw the site of the crash before watching an air cadet, Kevin MacLaren, lay a wreath at the memorial in the town's Dryfesdale cemetery. In silence, the royal couple paused and bowed their heads after the Queen had stooped to straighten a ribbon on the wreath.

About a dozen relatives of the American victims watched the ceremony and said they appreciated the royal visit, but Mr Ammerman criticised President Bush and John Major for their failure to visit the town. He accused America's European allies of "wavering on their commitment against state sponsored terrorism" and added: "The United Kingdom refuses to step up UN sanctions against Libya in order to protect its IRA intelligence network."

Dr Jim Swire, whose daughter Flora died in the bombing, said he did not believe in bombing Libya in retaliation. "Normally Bert Ammerman and I see eye to eye. But I am not prepared to see other families suffer as my family has suffered," he said.

Both the Queen and the Duke spoke to Dr Swire. "What they said to me is very personal but I do feel heartened. I am delighted to see them here. It is a great help," he said.

ITC blocks plans to move news

By Alexandra Frean
Media Correspondent

PLANS by ITV companies to move *News at Ten* to an earlier time were blocked by the Independent Television Commission yesterday.

Sir George Russell, chairman of the commission, wrote to the chairman of all 15 regional ITV contractors warning they could be in breach of their licence conditions if they went ahead with the plan.

In his letter, which was also sent to the prime minister and John Smith, the Labour leader, Sir George said ITV franchises were allocated on the basis of clear commitments. Some of them had specifically proposed to provide the peak time news bulletin at 10pm and the early evening bulletin at 5.40pm.

"The position is therefore that, unless the ITC's approval is obtained, the present timing of the peak time and early evening bulletins must be maintained if all regional Channel 3 licensees are to remain in compliance with their licence conditions."

ITV's plans to bring forward *News at Ten* to leave peak time clear for films and drama have provoked a public and political outcry. The prime minister and Mr Smith both wrote to the commission expressing concern. More than 100 MPs also protested.

Greg Dyke, chairman of the ITV Association Council, said it would be considering the legal, commercial and public interest implications of the commission's letter.

The government has made it clear that it might refuse to allow changes in the rules on the ownership of independent television companies if plans to move *News at Ten* went ahead.

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Civil courts 'should be modernised'

By Frances Gibb
Legal Correspondent

SWEEPING changes to abolish "cumbersome, inflexible and archaic" procedures in the civil courts and ensure access to consumers that are now excluded because they are neither poor nor rich were urged in a report by the Bar and Law Society yesterday.

A joint working party of the two main legal professional bodies said radical change was needed to modernise the civil courts, which had hardly changed in a century.

Hilary Heilbron QC, chairman of the working party, said that although the quality of justice obtained in the civil courts was "of the highest order", the process was "slow, cumbersome, complex, inflexible and out-of-date". Legal aid cuts had exacerbated a "deteriorating situation", she said.

The working party of 39 lawyers is making some 70 recommendations, including better facilities for the consumer in the courts, less legal jargon, investment of funds into bringing technology into the courts, more control by judges to prevent delays, a pilot scheme to test settling disputes outside court and more High Court judges going outside London on circuit. The scope of the Courts Charter should also be widened, the report said.

☐ The long-running campaign by solicitors to break the Bar's monopoly in the higher courts will be dealt a fresh blow this week when the Lord Chancellor and four senior judges are urged to reject the Law Society's formal application.

The committee set up by the Lord Chancellor to sort out the dispute between solicitors and barristers over rights of audience has decided solicitors should not be allowed into the higher courts for the present.

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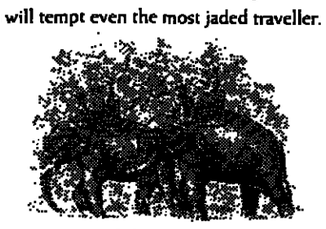
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City plans security cordon to foil terrorist bombers

BY NICHOLAS WATT

POLICE are planning a Belfast-style security cordon round the City of London this weekend to prevent a repeat of the two IRA bombs that have killed four people in the past 14 months.

Traffic entering the City will be monitored at six check points and police will search suspicious vehicles. Every other road into the city will be closed or used as exits.

The anti-terrorist measures, which will be disclosed today by Owen Kelly, commissioner of the City of London Police, are part of a 12-month experiment.

The government is understood to be wary of such tough security measures, which could be used as propaganda by the IRA. Last night, a Home Office spokeswoman refused to support the plans drawn up for the City.

She said: "We support all reasonable steps to make the City a more secure place. We are keen not to go over the top because if you impose severe and draconian measures you are playing into the hands of the terrorists. It is important that the commercial life of the City is not brought to a stop by these people. You must never let the terrorists win."

However, Michael Cassidy, chairman of the Corporation of London's policy and resources committee, played down the differences. He discussed the proposals last night with Steven Norris, transport minister for London, and said: "Senior ministers regard this as a City matter and are happy for us to introduce this as an experiment. We could not do this without their support because the [police] powers only exist for 12 months and after that we will need legislation."

The check points are being introduced more than two months after one man was killed and 36 people were injured when a car bomb exploded in Bishopsgate on April 24. A year earlier, on April 10, the IRA detonated a 100lb car bomb at the Baltic Exchange. Three people died, 91 were injured and the City was left with a multi-million pound bill for damage.

One senior city banker, who has been involved in drawing up the anti-terrorist plans, yesterday accused the government of dragging its feet in supporting the plans to improve security. He said: "The risk of another explosion is sufficiently great that the talking has got to come to an end."

Limiting access to the City, along the lines of the Belfast concept, was sad but necessary, the banker said. "Our first duty is to our staff. We have a profound worry that these bombers will get the timing right and the prospect of a bomb going off with lots of people is horrifying. We think that provided you can produce a solution that is liveable with, the inconvenience is perfectly acceptable."

PETER TREVNOR



Saving grace: Lynne Frankland stands in a pond at High Wycombe, Buckinghamshire, to examine starfruits which are being saved from extinction by Back from the Brink. Ms Frankland is a manager of Plantlife, a conservation charity which launched the scheme to find volunteers to protect and nurture about 50 rare plants which are now found in just a handful of locations. One plant species is lost in Britain every five years. Starfruit was once common as far north as Yorkshire, but is now confined to three southern sites

Top chess schools fight for Times title

BY IAN MURRAY

FOUR teams which include some of the best young players in the country do battle over the next two days for *The Times* British Schools Chess Championship. The four schools have fought through from a field of nearly 400 starters last autumn and, with many of the 24 players in this year's finals already playing as junior internationals, standards are inevitably going to be high. Another feature is the youth of many of the players.

Since the prestigious championship began 36 years ago, a relatively small number of schools with a strong chess tradition have tended to dominate, and this year is no exception. Two of last year's finalists, Truro School, Cornwall, and Royal Grammar School, Newcastle upon Tyne, have once again reached the last stages of the competition.

A third place has been taken by Manchester Grammar School, which has appeared on seven previous occasions. The relative newcomer to the finals is The Haberdasher's Aske's School at Elstree, Hertfordshire, where a very young team has won through.

The semi-finals are played this afternoon and the finals tomorrow at the Charing Cross Hotel in London.

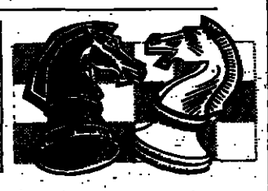
Teams:

Haberdasher's: Andrew Ram, 15, Lee Jacobs, 14, David Gibson, 14, Paul Saffer, 16, Gabriel Gottlieb, 15, Sural Bhanshaly, 14.

Manchester: Jonathan Epstein, 18, Steven Cohen, 17, David Tompson, 11, Ben Lewis, 16, Andy Lewis, 12, Edward Goodall, 15.

Newcastle: Simon Florence, 18, Mark Davey, 17, Edwards Dodds, 17, Yanni Yannoulis, 17, Richard Miller, 14, Kulwant Bhatia, 13.

Truro: Roland Cole, 16, Andrew Greet, 13, Jonathon Davis, 16, Paul Hayes, 17, Jack Seale, 14, Richard Kemp, 13.



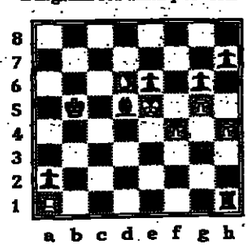
BY RAYMOND KEENE
CHESS CORRESPONDENT

BRITAIN'S number two Michael Adams got off to a slow start in the tournament which recently finished at Las Palmas in Gran Canaria. Adams lost his first three games, only opening his account in round four. Today's game was symptomatic of his poor early form.

White: Michael Adams
Black: I Morovic
Gran Canaria 1993
Sicilian Defence

1	e4	c5
2	Nc3	Nc6
3	f4	g6
4	Nf3	Bg7
5	Bb5	Nd4
6	a4	e6
7	0-0	Ne7
8	e5	a6
9	Bd3	Nxd3+
10	Qxd3	d5
11	b3	Nc6
12	Ne2	0-0
13	Ba3	b6
14	Rae1	f6
15	exf6	Bxf6
16	c4	Ra7
17	Kh1	Raf7
18	cxd5	Ne5
19	Qe3	Nxd3
20	Qxd3	Bb7
21	a5	Bxd5
22	Qxa6	Qa8
23	Qxa8	Rxa8
24	b4	cxb4
25	Bxb4	bxa5
26	Ba3	a4
27	Nc3	Bxc3
28	dxc3	Rb7
29	Bb4	a3
30	Ra1	a2
31	Rf2	Rd7
32	Rd2	Raa7
33	Kg1	Bb3
34	c4	Bxc4
35	Rxd7	Rxd7
36	Bc3	Bd5
37	Be5	Rb7
38	Kf2	Rb1
39	g4	Kf7
40	g5	Ke7
41	Ke3	Kd7
42	Bc3	Kc6
43	Kd4	Rb3
44	h4	Kd6
45	Bd2	Rb2
46	Bc3	Rb1
47	Ke3	Kc5
48	Kd3	Kb5
49	Kd4	Kc5
50	Ke5	Rb3
51	Kd4	Kd6
52	Bd2	Rh3
53	Bb4+	Ke6
	Ke5	Kb5
	f6	Rh1

Diagram for final position



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Reader's game

Michael Simpkin, a teacher at Truro School has submitted the following game, where the school's number two scores a splendid victory against the World Under-10 Champion.

White: Luke McShane
Black: Andrew Greet
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Sicilian Defence

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3	d4	Nf6
4	Nc3	cxd4
5	Nxd4	g6
6	Be3	Bg7
7	f3	0-0
8	Bc4	Nc6
9	Qd2	Bd7
10	0-0-0	Rc8
11	Bb3	Ne5
12	h4	Nc4
13	Bxc4	Rxc4
14	h5	Nxh5
15	g4	Nf6
16	Nde2	Re8
17	Bh6	Bh8
18	Nf4	Rxc3
19	bxc3	Qa5
20	Qd3	Rc8
21	Kd2	Rxc3
22	Qe2	Be4
23	Kc1	Rxc2+
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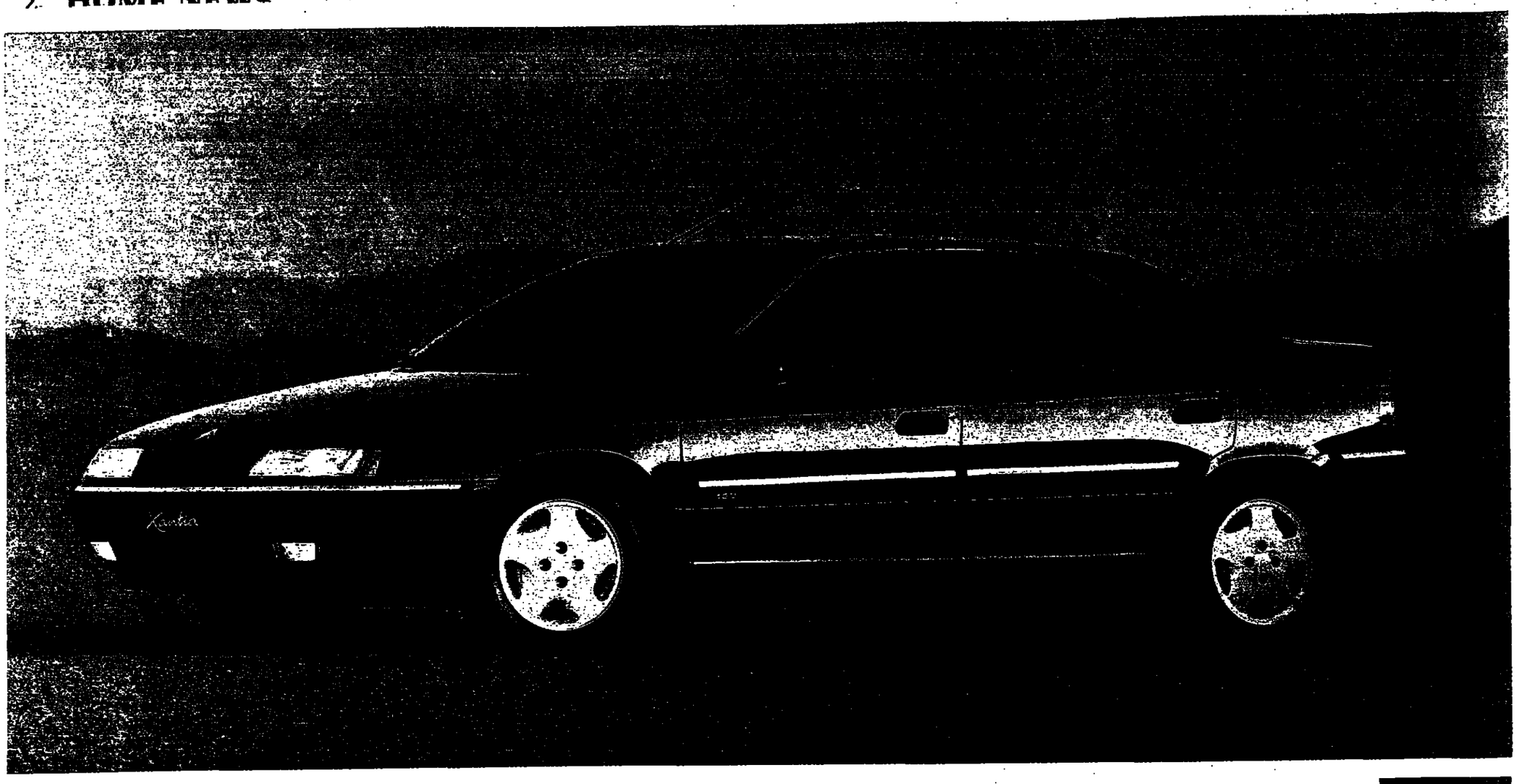
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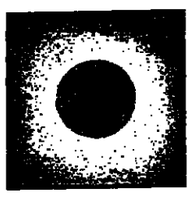
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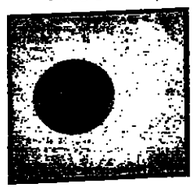
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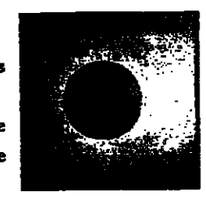
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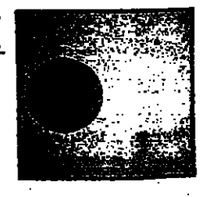
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One in ten new primary teachers is 'inadequate'

■ Efforts to improve the teaching of reading are required if the quality of those entering the profession is to be assured

BY BEN PRESTON, EDUCATION REPORTER

ONE in ten new teachers is inadequate in the classroom and unsuited to the profession, according to school inspectors.

Their report, published today for the Office of Standards in Education, also discloses that almost half of new primary teachers say they are not properly trained to teach children to read and a quarter are not ready to teach writing.

The study comes against a backdrop of government concern about the quality of teacher training, particularly at primary level, and a reorganisation reducing the role of university departments to allow student teachers to spend more time in the classroom.

The inspectors say their findings raise the worrying question of how the ten per cent of new teachers unsuited to the job are selected for training, allowed to complete their course successfully and gain appointments.

The report concludes that responsibility is shared by training institutions and schools. "The financial cost of training these teachers, and their potentially adverse impact upon the quality of education received by the pupils taught by them, demands that more care and rigour are needed in the selection of students."

The New Teacher in School: A survey by HM Inspectors in England and Wales 1992, investigated the quality of lessons taught by 300 new teachers in their third term after training to establish how well their courses equipped them for the classroom.

Overall, 70 per cent of lessons were judged satisfactory or better, with new teachers delivering more high-quality lessons than experienced staff. Inspectors said this was an improvement on the last survey in 1987 and a considerable achievement at a time of far-reaching reform in education.

However, the performance of 20 per cent of new teachers was unsatisfactory. About half of these were temperamentally unsuited to the profession, frequently refusing to acknowledge their weaknesses and resisting advice. Many of the remainder were in difficult schools, lacking good role models, and were judged to have the potential to develop into competent teachers.

Nigel de Gruchy, general secretary of the National Association of Schoolmasters/Union of Women Teachers, said a 10 per cent failure rate in teacher training was not excessive. It was the responsibility of training institutions and schools to weed out those unsuitable for the job.

Mr de Gruchy used the report to attack government plans to abandon the principle of the all-graduate profession by allowing older people to teach children aged five to seven after a one-year course. He said: "If large numbers of new primary teachers are still struggling to master methods of teaching children to read after four-year courses, it raises huge doubts about the prospects for Mr Patten's so-called Mum's Army who will have to squeeze everything in to one year."

David Hart, general secretary of the National Association of Head Teachers, said the government should concentrate on attacking existing inadequacies instead of pressing ahead with the "sideshow" of the one-year route.

The education department said the report highlighted the need for close scrutiny of teacher training.

MICHAEL POWELL



Future hope: John Patten, education secretary, warned employers at the fair that they neglected higher education at their peril

Optimism as students start hunt for jobs

BY JOHN O'LEARY
EDUCATION CORRESPONDENT

THE first signs of recovery were reported in the graduate employment market yesterday as John Patten, the education secretary, opened the Schools' Fair, sponsored by *The Times*.

More than 15,000 young people and their parents are expected to visit the fair, which finishes tomorrow at the Business Design Centre, in Islington, north London. Almost 150 universities and colleges are among the 250 exhibitors.

Mr Patten said: "Higher education is a vital long-term investment, not just for the individual but for the country, in good times as well as in difficulties, so prospective students should not be put off by short-term fluctuations in the job market brought about by the business cycle. Equally, employers need to take a long-term view. They forget this at their peril."

As the fair opened, graduate employers were meeting in Manchester to consider a report which shows prospects for graduates worsening in 1993. But officials said that the outlook had improved markedly since the report was compiled.

The annual survey of graduate salaries and vacancies showed a 6.5 per cent decline in the number of vacancies, with more than 10 per cent of new graduates unemployed, while starting salaries had failed to keep pace with inflation.

Roly Cockman, secretary of the Association of Graduate Recruiters, said the employment market was changing rapidly. "If the report was being written now, there would be a more optimistic picture. Business confidence has started to return, reflected in graduate openings."

Although manufacturing remains sluggish, the retail sector is leading a recovery. Several large companies, including Marks and Spencer and Harrods, have started recruiting again. There are also vacancies in the public sector.

☐ University vice-chancellors called yesterday for a longer academic year, starting at the beginning of September, to allow a full semester term to be completed before Christmas.

Prince hails local heroes of community work

BY JOHN YOUNG

THE Prince of Wales yesterday pledged his support to the "local heroes" who devote themselves to the social and economic regeneration of their neighbourhoods through investment and development.

"When singing the praises of these local heroes, whose commitment, determination and indefatigability achieves so much in the face of every kind of adversity, I am sometimes accused of displaying the religious zeal of the convert," he said. "I plead guilty in this instance and it is something I wish to share.

"In my visits to award-winning projects, I take with me, as often as circumstances allow, other public and private sector leaders so that they, too, can experience what I like to call the community enterprise effect. Their awakened enthusiasm is part of a benign culture which now thrives as a result."

The prince's message was read out at the launch of the 1993 Community Enterprise Awards, organised by *The Times* and Business in the Community. The prince has been patron of the awards since their inception in 1985 and this year has agreed to succeed Lord Scarman as chairman.

Peter Stothard, editor of *The Times*, recalled that in 1985, the newspaper's bicentenary, the late Charles Douglas-Home, who was editor, decided that it should be marked by encouraging one of the most significant trends of the time, community enterprise. The awards were intended to reward local enterprise and initiative, without excessive reliance on government or local authority grants. Mr Stothard said no one needed reminding of the pressures currently placed on all aspects of public spending.

The projects all had a social purpose but the aim was that they should be self-financing, frequently generating income from commercial ventures, thus creating employment.

This year's awards fall into five categories: housing and homelessness, community facilities, premises for business and training, rural issues and the environment. The best overall entry will win the Charles Douglas-Home Award. One of the previous winners was the Coin Street development, central London.

The chief executive of Business in the Community is Julia Cleverdon. The sponsors are *The Times*, TSB Group, United Biscuits, Chartwell Land and the Housing Associations Charitable Trust. The awards are also supported by the Civic Trust, the Groundwork Foundation, the Rural Development Commission, Action with Communities in Rural England, the Community Development Foundation and the Prince of Wales's Institute of Architecture.

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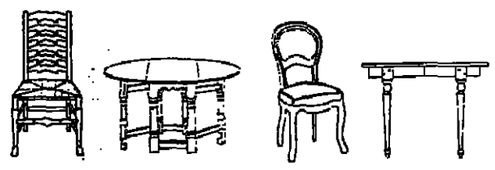
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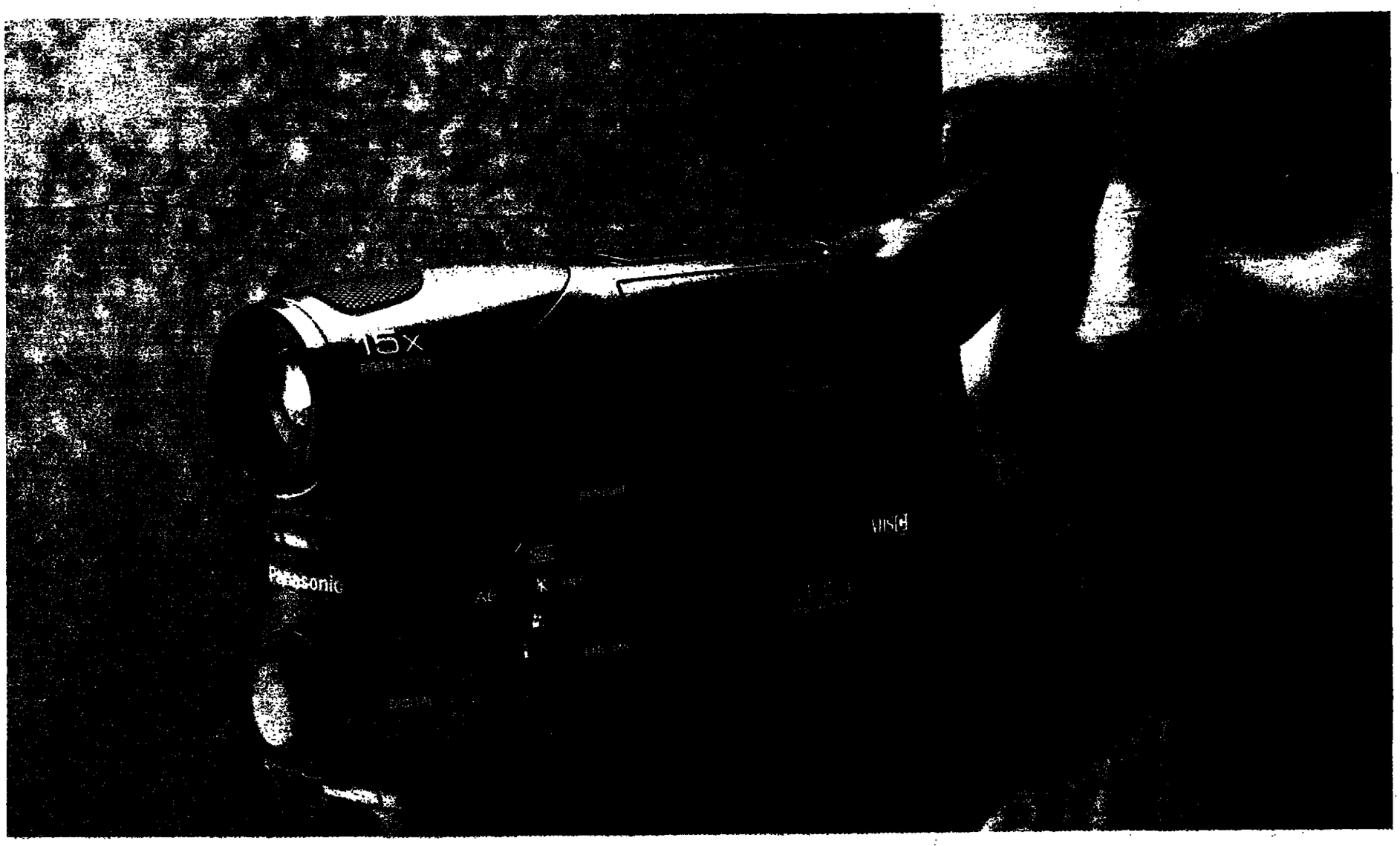
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Sheehy enquiry: private-sector management tactics will replace the force's Victorian structure

Frontline police to be rewarded for harder work

By Stewart Tendler
Crime Correspondent

■ A radical blueprint for overhauling the force promises a sharper fight against crime, but will provoke police opposition

HARD-WORKING frontline police officers could earn big salaries under a radical review of pay and conditions intended to inject private-sector disciplines into the police force.

The changes outlined yesterday by the Sheehy report are aimed at motivating younger officers, cutting out dead wood and raising the status of police officers working directly with the public.

Sir Patrick Sheehy, who wants his proposals implemented by 1995, said there was a need for change, in some cases considerable change. "We believe the changes we recommend will enhance the effectiveness of the service and offer improvements to its officers," he said.

The enquiry recommends setting an officer's pay by using a system of points, based on experience, responsibility, performance and the difficulties of the job. It means that chief constables will be earning almost £100,000 and a handful of senior officers, including the Metropolitan police commissioner, could earn more than £100,000.

Many of the complex regulations and practices currently in force would be abandoned, giving chief constables greater flexibility to manage officers and resources.

With help from senior managers, including more civilians, they would receive substantial bonuses for meeting targets such as more officers on the beat.

The enquiry was concerned to discover that junior officers were better rewarded than workers in the industrial and commercial sectors, but more senior officers were not. The proposed bonuses would give some the country's top chief constables more than £100,000 a year.

The recommendations of Sir Patrick's five-member team sound the death knell for the quasi-military organisation of the police that dates back to Victorian times. In its place they seek management practices much closer to those of the business world.

Sir Patrick said the 272 recommendations were affordable. The cost of redundancies and other changes would be recouped over three years, and in the long term the savings would pay for 3,000 extra constables.

The report suggests eventual savings of £107 million a year from an annual bill of £4 billion for pay and allowances. A straight-forward redundancy programme in one year would cost £500 million, but the enquiry suggests a staggered three-year programme.

Sir Patrick said the plans would help the police to regain some of the public confidence they had lost.

"The real challenge is to get more constables on the front line and reassure the public, rather than be a race apart or people who only appear when they are called," he said.

The four aims of the enquiry were to revive and increase policing with the consent of the public; get more officers on the beat; give chief constables greater flexibility; and construct a better system of rewards.

Policemen were, he said, ordinary citizens with extraordinary powers which gave them a monopoly use of legitimate power. Junior officers were given great discretion and their jobs required considerable integrity.

But the enquiry found that the present management system was ineffective and failed to encourage efficiency. Sir Patrick said that currently there was no way of rewarding good officers or encouraging better local accountability.

The only real incentive for good work was promotion, although there was a confused rank system that was top heavy. Officers were rewarded for length of service whether they were good or bad at their jobs.

The enquiry suggests that pay be drawn from an annual pool of money which would be increased nationally according to the average increase for white-collar workers. No officer would be guaranteed a rise and some could lose money for poor work over several years.

Sir Patrick said the Edmund-Davies report, which set pay scales at the end of the 1970s, had done its job in upgrading police pay. The object now was to make sure officers stay well paid.

He also said that the idea of a job for life was no longer appropriate in the 1990s, as few other occupations gave people such a guarantee. The present system inhibited the police from getting the right blend of young and old officers, being biased towards older officers. The force should be able to remove those who could not continue to expand and improve their work or keep up high standards.

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	Annual salary with effect from Sept 1 1992 (£)		Annual salary with effect from Sept 1 1992 (£)
Constable		**Superintendent**	
On appointment	12,555	(London salaries in brackets)	
After one year	13,425	On promotion	36,508 (36,414)
After four years	16,713	After one year	36,414 (37,128)
Sergeant		After three years	38,556 (38,556)
On promotion	20,043	**Chief Superintendent**	
After one year	20,952	On promotion	39,480
After four years	22,992	After one year	40,044
Inspector		After three years	41,919
(London salaries in brackets)		**Assistant Chief Constable**	46,542
On promotion	22,992 (24,228)	**Deputy Chief Constable**	
After one year	23,709 (24,903)	Population band	
After four years	26,108 (27,357)	400,000-500,000	48,870
Chief Inspector		1,250,000-2,000,000	53,031
(London salaries in brackets)		**Chief Constable**	
On promotion	26,108 (27,357)	Population band	
After one year	26,835 (28,028)	400,000-500,000	56,888
After four years	29,037 (30,279)	1,250,000-2,000,000	66,288


ADRIAN BROOKS

Driving force: Becks is working to make policing respond more to local needs

New breed favours flexibility

SUZANNA Becks is one of the new breed of senior officers already attempting to deliver the kind of policing that the government and Sir Patrick Sheehy want to create for the next century.

Until her promotion to chief superintendant a few weeks ago, she was a superintendent in charge of 170 police officers and 30 civilians around High Wycombe, Buckinghamshire. Her task was to make policing more responsive to local needs by encouraging officers to get to know their communities. The High Wycombe area is one of 12 that replaced six divisions and 17 sub-divisions in a 1991 reorganisation that stripped away a complete tier of management in Thames Valley police force.

Chief Supt Becks said yesterday that before reorganisation there was too little flexibility to take local needs into account. "What we got rid of was divisional management and a bureaucracy that attempted to pull together common policies." Under the new system, Chief Supt Becks, a history graduate with two young children, gave four inspectors each responsibility for a quarter of High Wycombe.

Chief Supt Becks said the police cannot be run like an ordinary business: "The reason is that we have no control over demand. We have to offer a service. I cannot, like the social services, or even the Samaritans, close for the evening."

Scrapping ranks could put more men on the beat

By Our Crime Correspondent

THREE middle and senior ranks are recommended for scrapping by the Sheehy enquiry, which found too much costly bureaucracy at the top, overlapping responsibilities and not enough initiative left to the officers at the front line.

Under the enquiry's proposals, the ranks of deputy chief constable, chief superintendent and chief inspector would go, which would mean redundancies. The enquiry suggests that, overall, the service could loose 5,000 middle ranking officers without pain.

Such a move, it argues, would allow for more constables on the streets; in the long run the number of front line officers would be increased by 3,000. In London, Paul Condon, the new commissioner, has already announced he will cut back middle management to get more money for constables.

In England and Wales there are 2,206 chief inspectors, 530 chief superintendents and 54 deputy chief constables. The pay for chief inspectors starts at £26,000, chief superintendents at £39,000 and deputy chief constables at £47,000.

Cutting the present nine police ranks was always a likely option; police officers themselves accept that the differences between middle ranks have become blurred and that pay scales are too close.

During its research, the enquiry looked at reform programmes in national forces in New Zealand and Australia, where ranks were cut back to a bare half dozen or so.

Yesterday, Professor Eric Caines, one of the enquiry team, said it was felt the police service was over-managed at the top level while not enough management discretion was given to the lower levels. No one in the commercial world would, he said, be happy with the sort of bureaucratic costs found in many forces. In some, the cost of all the ranks above constable was equal to 60% of the total bill for the constables themselves.

The proposals would see some officers holding the three ranks under threat promoted, while others would take lower *rank titles. No one would be* penalised financially.

The result of the cut in ranks would be more power being delegated down the chain to sergeants and inspectors who operate at station level, and quicker promotion.

The enquiry concluded: "We take the view that reform of the rank structure will greatly enhance the efficiency of forces while allowing officers of all ranks greater opportunity to operate to their full potential."

Big rethink for jobs and perks

By Richard Ford, Home Correspondent

SWEEPING changes to pay and conditions for Britain's 148,000 police officers would replace their jobs for life with fixed-term appointments and performance-related pay.

A range of benefits, including allowances for women's tights and foreign languages, would be abolished along with restrictions on where police officers can live. "The modern police service should not treat its officers as though they were agricultural workers in need of tied accommodation," the Sheehy report said.

The overtime bill would be cut, payment for sick leave altered, the traditional eight-hour shift system abolished and the potential for abuse of the pension system would end.

While acknowledging the special qualities and skills needed by the police, the report said there had been a tendency to claim special status for officers which was not justified.

Sir Patrick Sheehy's proposals would revolutionise the way in which police are rewarded by placing all new officers on an initial fixed-term appointment of ten years, to be renewed for five-year periods. The current annual index-linked pay award based on average industrial earning would be scrapped. A new system would base pay on average private sector non-manual wage levels.

A new reward system would be introduced which recognised "through pay and not merely promotion" good quality officers. The plan would mean new recruits starting on a salary £2,000 lower than the present £12,500. With the loss of the housing allowance recruits could be a total of £5,000 down. But constables could earn up to up to £20,952, about £3,000 more than the £17,214 starting salary for a sergeant.

There would be no automatic annual pay increase for officers whose performance was unsatisfactory but local commanders would have the flexibility to give bonuses to *individual officers and teams* who had performed well.

Reformer with a commercial touch

By Our Crime Correspondent

SIR Patrick Sheehy, chairman of BAT, the tobacco and insurance group, was appointed to the Home Office police pay enquiry to scrutinise police work in a tough no-nonsense commercial manner.

The man who was turned down by BP as an aspiring young businessman because he lacked a degree has become one of the highest paid executives in Britain. Last year he received £980,679 *after getting* a 50 per cent pay rise and bonuses.

In his time he has successfully repulsed Sir James Goldsmith in a takeover battle and expanded BAT interests beyond tobacco. A firm believer and campaigner for stronger European ties, he praised the Maastricht treaty in a newspaper article in 1991, supporting moves towards a single currency.

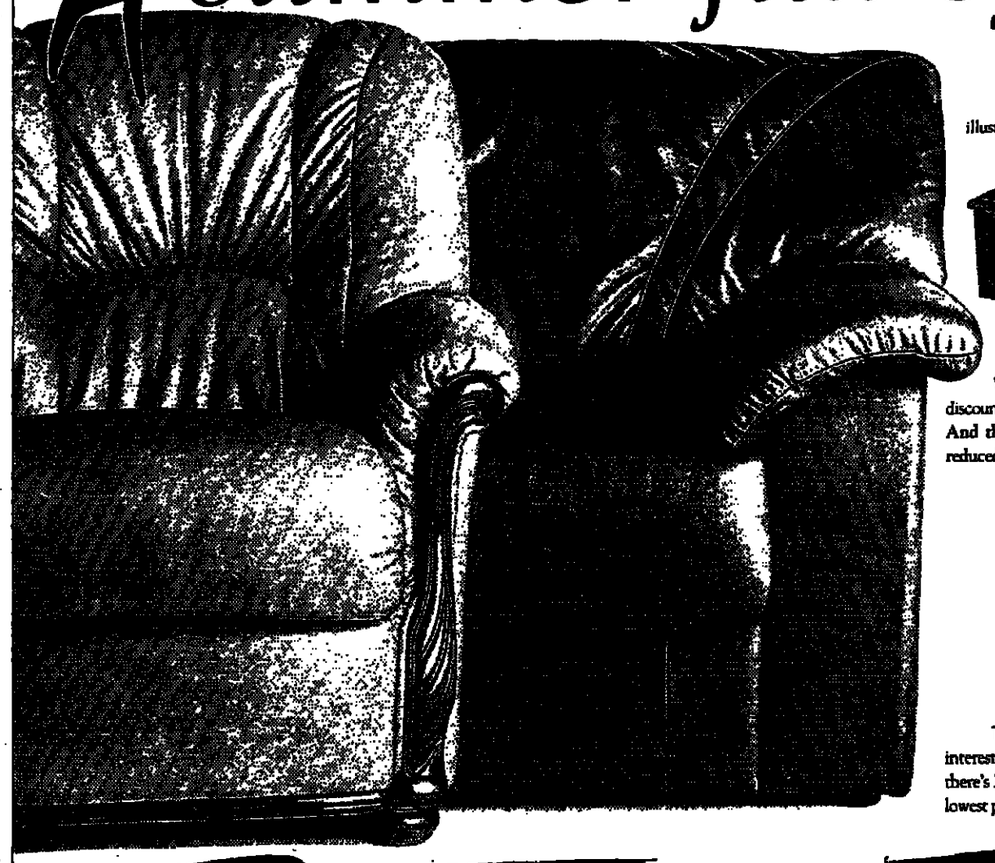
The son of an Indian civil service administrator, Sir Patrick was educated at Ampleforth, served in the Irish Guards and worked for BAT extensively abroad. Head of the company since 1982, he has ruled his empire from offices in Victoria overlooked by the very people he now proposes to reform. The tower blocks of Scotland Yard are a few hundred yards away.

Sir Patrick, 63, tends to be plain speaking and over the past year he and his team, all drawn from backgrounds other than the police or judiciary, have given some of their police witnesses an uneasy ride. A firm believer in market forces, Sir Patrick applied his commercial instincts to the police budget.

He is understood to have been unimpressed by the quality of many senior officers, and scathing about the size of headquarters bureaucracies. But Sir Patrick is believed to be impressed by some of the reforming senior officers such as Paul Condon, the Metropolitan Police commissioner.


AT WORK: Sir Patrick at yesterday's conference

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Company failures push uncollected taxes to £1.7bn

BY NICHOLAS WOOD
CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

■ **Money owed to the Inland Revenue is equivalent to a penny on the basic rate of tax, the Liberal Democrats say**

UNCOLLECTED tax soared to £1.7 billion last year as the rising tide of company failures widened the breach in the government's finances, it was disclosed yesterday. The surge in tax written off by the Inland Revenue, double the level of the previous year and 12 times that in 1980, added to the pressure on Kenneth Clarke in his struggle to curb Britain's £50 billion budget deficit.

The Liberal Democrats said that the Chancellor should concentrate on recovering the money owed by firms rather than extending the tax net and proposing spending cuts. They pointed out that the sum outstanding was equivalent to a penny on the standard rate of income tax and that £640 million had been lost from 1991 to 1992.

According to official figures released to Matthew Taylor, a Liberal Democrat frontbencher, the Inland Revenue is failing to collect a growing proportion of taxes owed by firms. Much higher levels of tax write-offs apply to taxes owed by the self-employed under schedule D, to corporation tax, to PAYE bills, to national insurance contributions and to capital gains tax.

Uncollected corporation tax rose from £16 million in 1980 to £320 million in 1991 and £542 million last year. As a percentage of the total amount of corporation tax collected, the money lost rose from 0.5 per cent in 1980 to 2.1 per cent in 1991 and 4.6 per cent in 1992. The same pattern applied to uncollected schedule D tax, up from £33 million in 1980 to £703 million in 1992, and PAYE taxes deducted by employers but not handed over to the taxman, up from £10 million in 1980 to £381 million in 1992.

The Treasury said that about three-quarters of the shortfall was explained by the rise in company insolvencies in the recession. When a firm went bust the Inland Revenue became a creditor but frequently was unable to recover taxes owed. The rest of the shortfall was due to a change in the Inland Revenue's accounting procedures, bringing forward the point at which it wrote off debts.

A spokesman pointed out that Sir Anthony Battishill, chairman of the Inland Revenue, had defended the write-offs before the all-party public accounts committee earlier this year. He told MPs in March: "It looks like something more than three-quarters of the total for the 1992 account is down to insolvency. Once a firm is established as insolvent, then the recovery or non-recovery of that tax lies outside the hands of the Inland Revenue and we very often have to write off most of it. In other areas, the proportions of tax that we have written off are not significantly different as between this year and last.

"So I have no reason to think that the procedures we are operating are not generally satisfactory." Sir Anthony added that as a routine precaution he had asked the revenue's internal auditors to study the procedures for writing off unpaid tax.

Mr Taylor said: "It appears that the government is failing to collect the tax it is already owed — yet the Chancellor talks of needing an income tax increase, hits pensioners with VAT on fuel and proposes cuts in support to those on invalidity benefit."

Parliament today

Commons (2.30): Questions: Northern Ireland: prime minister. Debate on law and order.
Lords (3): Railways bill, committee, first day.



Short: hopes British voters will reach a "psychological breakthrough"

Labour agrees to set aside seats for women MPs

BY PHILIP WEBSTER, POLITICAL EDITOR

MEN are to be prevented from standing as Labour candidates in around 40 parliamentary seats in an attempt to swell the number of women Labour MPs to about 80 at the next general election.

The decision to support the principle of all-women shortlists was taken by Labour's ruling national executive yesterday. Under the scheme half of all constituencies where a sitting Labour MP is retiring at the next election, or in seats which Labour believes it can win from other parties, will be asked to have women-only shortlists of candidates. Constituency parties will negotiate with the regional offices over which seats should become women-only.

The changes are expected to be put before this autumn's annual conference with a view to them being adopted for the next round of selections next year.

Complications over the rules to be used in seats affected by imminent boundary changes are to be looked at by a party committee. Sitting male MPs who lose parts of their seats through boundary adjustments will be anxious not to face an all-women shortlist in the new seat.

John Smith, the Labour leader, spoke out in favour of th change at yesterday's meeting. Clare Short, MP for Birmingham Ladywood, who chairs the NEC's women's committee, said: "The number of women will gradually increase every parliament until eventually there is 50 per cent women." She hoped Britain would follow Norway's example, where voters had gradually become used to electing women MPs. Ms Short said she hoped British voters would reach a "psychological breakthrough where it becomes normal to have women MPs and people like women candidates".

Joan Lestor, MP for Eccles, said: "We got more women in this time [at the 1992 general election] — a lot of them in marginal seats. If there are going to be some safe Labour seats available next time, they should have a fair crack of the whip ... We are getting better, but it's a long battle."

The NEC also agreed to set up a committee to look at ways of encouraging more black and Asian MPs. But ethnic minority only shortlists are thought to be unlikely. The principle of quotas for women already exists in the party, with voters in shadow cabinet elections obliged to choose at least three women candidates. Mr Smith let it be known last night that he backs the proposal that four women should be elected automatically to the shadow cabinet. This was defeated by the parliamentary Labour party last week, but the shadow cabinet decided last night the issue should be revived.

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Howard pledges fair Euro-boundaries

BY ROBERT MORGAN, POLITICAL STAFF

MICHAEL Howard, the home secretary, yesterday sought to reassure MPs that the arrangements for drawing up new boundaries for the Euro-constituencies will be fair, despite the fact that the normal procedures will not be followed.

Under a deal reached at the European summit in Edinburgh last December, Britain is to have six extra seats in the European parliament. Because the elections are due next June, Mr Howard told the Commons, there was not enough time for the Boundary Commission to draw up the new boundaries, nor was there time for the usual public enquiries to consider local objections. He is proposing, under the European parliament elections bill, that an ad hoc committee be appointed to draw the new seats. Objectors to the provisional proposals published by the committee will be able to make written representations.

Mr Howard said he hoped that most, if not all, the members of the committee would be boundary commissioners, and he hoped to get all-party agreement on who they should be.

Tony Blair, the shadow home secretary, blamed the government for the delay in bringing the bill forward and said that, despite the tight schedule, enquiries could be held as there were only likely to be about ten.

At present there are 66 Euro-seats in England, eight in Scotland and four in Wales. Northern Ireland elects three members by PR. Mr Howard is proposing that England should have five more seats and Wales one. This, he said, would keep the level of representation in England, Scotland and Wales as equal as possible.

Labour and the Scottish National Party is pressing for Scotland to be given an extra seat, not least because of the vast size of some of the seats. Margaret Ewing, parliamentary leader of the SNP, said that the Highlands and Islands seat, represented by her mother-in-law, Winifred Ewing, was bigger than some countries of the Community.

Students' closed shop under fire

BY PHILIP WEBSTER

THE government is today expected to announce plans to break the so-called closed shop operated by the National Union of Students.

John Patten, the education secretary, is to tell the Commons that the government's decade-long search for a means of ending the domination of the union has at last ended. Proposals are expected to be included in a substantial education bill in the session of parliament beginning in the autumn, which will also include plans for a shakeup of the teacher training system.

The education secretary wants to give students freedom of choice over union membership. At present students automatically become members of their campus unions, and in most cases of the NUS through affiliation. Membership is free but the campus unions pay affiliation fees, through grants provided by the taxpayer, to the NUS. The NUS raises most of its annual £2 million income through this route.

NHS waiting lists 'pass 1m'

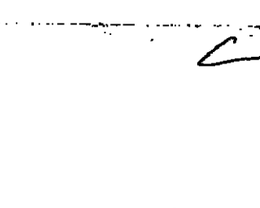
BY JONATHAN PRYNN

NHS hospital waiting lists have passed the one million mark for the first time, according to unofficial Labour party figures.

David Blunkett, the shadow health secretary, claimed the figures proved that the government's NHS reforms were "an expensive failure". The numbers, based on a telephone survey of English health authorities by Labour researchers, show that the waiting list rose 1.3 per cent from the last official figure of 992,324 to 1,004,878 between March and April.

The quarterly NHS figures, published in May, showed a year-on-year rise in the waiting list of 8 per cent to the end of March. However, the government is playing down the significance of the crude waiting list total because of steady increases in the overall number of patients being treated by the NHS and the decline in average waiting times.

Virginia Bottomley, the health secretary, dismissed the Labour numbers as "trying to talk the health service down". She said the most important figures were those showing the sharp decline in long waits since the introduction of the NHS reforms. The figure for patient waits of more than one year has fallen from 119,000 in 1991 to 57,000 in March, just under 6 per cent of the total list. "That is a dramatic achievement," she said.



Blunkett: reforms "an expensive failure"

Provisional NHS figure released yesterday also show a sharp acceleration in the number of patients being treated by the NHS. In the year to the end of March, the figure rose 5.6 per cent to 7.86 million, with NHS trusts recording a growth of 7 per cent compared with 4 per cent for directly managed hospitals. The average rate of increase during the 1980s was only 1.5 per cent.

Lib Dems scent new victory

BY JONATHAN PRYNN

THE Liberal Democrats are gearing up for a double Dorset victory later this month following a High Court challenge to the outcome of May's county elections.

As well as fighting the Christchurch by-election, probably on July 29, the party looks set to be given a second chance to gain outright control of Dorset County Council.

Victory would give the party its third county in the West Country to add to its existing tally of Somerset and Cornwall and complete the rout of the Tories in its Wessex backyard. In the May local elections, the Liberal Democrats failed to win outright control of Dorset by the smallest possible margin: a single vote. The Tory candidate in the Lytchett division won the seat with a majority of one, leaving the Liberal Democrats one seat short of overall control at county hall in Dorchester.

The Liberal Democrats challenged the result on the grounds that one ballot paper with a cross for their candidate was rejected on a technicality — it did not bear the official stamp. Under electoral law, if the result of an election is affected by a breach of the rules a recount must be held, followed by a new poll if the result is the same.

Mr Justice Morland and Mr Justice Buckley, sitting as an election court in London under the Representation of the People Act, granted an order for a recount yesterday with the consent of the Tory and Liberal Democrat candidates and the returning officer. The recount is expected to take place on July 8 and a by-election at the end of the month.

Rome parliament approves bill on electoral reform

FROM JOHN PHILLIPS IN ROME

■ Spurred on by the prime minister, Italian MPs have responded with unusual alacrity to popular demands for changes in the way in which they are elected

THE Italian chamber of deputies took a giant step towards eliminating the corrupt post-war political system last night by approving a new electoral reform bill to introduce a mainly first-past-the-post voting system.

The bill, presented by Sergio Mattarella, a Christian Democrat MP, would scrap the existing proportional representation system that is widely blamed for decades of weak government. In its place, 75 per cent of MPs in the the lower house will be elected in a winner-takes-all system with only 25 per cent of seats allocated on a PR basis.

The Mattarella bill was approved by 311 votes to 127 with 99 abstentions. It was supported by the Christian Democrats, Socialists and Social Democrats and the devolutionist Lombardy League. The Democratic Party of the left (PDS), the Liberals , Republicans and La Rete (Network) voted against.

The bill faced a last minute rejection from the PDS, which wants voting to go to a second round run-off in consituencies where no candidate receives as much as 35 per cent of the vote. Achille Occhetto, the PDS leader, evidently believes partial adoption of the French-style two-round system would favour his party. The PDS argues the Mattarella bill is designed partially to help the Christian Democrats salvage as much power as possible. The 35 per cent hurdle and other amendments the PDS wants may be introduced during its passage through the senate, the upper house.

In spite of last minute squabbling over detail, approval of the bill is a considerable achievement, coming only two months after a referendum on reform. Carlo Azeglio Ciampi, the prime minister, had earlier threatened that the government would introduce its own legislation if MPs did not resolve their differences.

In another development yesterday a senate committee recommended the parliamentary immunity from prosecution of Giulio Andreotti, the former Christian Democrat prime minister, be lifted so that he can be investigated on suspicion he ordered the murder of Mino Pecorelli, an investigative journalist. Signor Andreotti has asked for his immunity to be lifted so that he can clear his name.

Mario Segni, the main architect of the reform referendum, announced he was abstaining in the reform bill vote in the chamber yesterday on the grounds that the bill did not go far enough. "The problem of governability and direct choice of government by the citizen remains, notwithstanding this law," he said. "From today the problem of direct and popular election of the prime minister is open in Italy."

With electoral reform apparently making good progress through parliament, Signor Ciampi's government has turned its attention to insidious economic problems threatening to undermine the Italian "sweet revolution".

The woes of the debt-laden Ferruzzi business empire continued to send tremors through the Milan stock exchange yesterday as Antonio Ferruzzi, its chairman, and Carlo Sama, the vice-chairman, resigned. The crisis over the company's £14 billion of debts has led to fears that the government's privatisation programme may become a dead letter. There is concern that state-run banks may have to bail out the company in what would amount to de facto nationalisation.

Chamber of Deputies after electoral reform:
- 472 seats (75 per cent) elected by British-style first past the post, single-round vote
- 158 seats (25 per cent) elected by PR in separate single-round vote on same day

All 630 seats previously elected by PR



Ciampi: helped speed up reform process



Vantage point: two Bosnian Serb soldiers watching Muslim positions in the hills around the Serb-held village of Dsanica, north of Gorazde

Morillon stages symbolic visit to enclave of harmony

FROM TOM RHODES IN FOJNICA

GENERAL Phillipe Morillon, who once gained fame and the gratitude of Bosnian Muslims for his attempt to save Srebrenica by setting up his headquarters there, yesterday staged a symbolic visit to Fojnica, a town that local Croat and Muslims have declared a "peace zone".

General Morillon, who leaves shortly as French commander of United Nations forces in Bosnia-Herzegovina, held Fojnica up as a rare island of harmony: "Fojnica is an example to us all. The solution to this war will be made by those of nobel sentiments."

Sentiment and reality, however, do not always coincide in Bosnia. Even as the general called for peace, there were reports that eight miles away, within view of UN forces at Kiseljak, a further three Bosnian-Serb tanks and two pieces of artillery had driven through the Croat front line unchecked. Refugees continued to pour out of Maglaj and Zepce yesterday as heavy fighting spread.

The general was making a final tour before he hands over to his successor.

In Mostar Bosnian Muslim forces overran a Croat military base. Spanish troops were withdrawn because "they could become hostages" if they remained. Colonel Tricia Purves, of the UN, said.

Embargo vote points to transatlantic rift

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN NEW YORK

THE decision by the United Nations Security Council not to lift the arms embargo on Bosnia-Herzegovina has thrown into sharper relief the differences between America and Britain on how to contain the bloodshed there.

America was one of the six security council members to vote in favour of a resolution on Tuesday night aimed at arming Bosnia's Muslim-led government. Britain, France and Russia strongly opposed the move and abstained. Moscow had said that it would veto the resolution.

The measure was always expected to fail, but the debate provided Bosnia and Islamic and non-aligned countries with an opportunity to castigate the big powers for failing to take stronger measures against Serb aggression. It also left Washington in the peculiarly uncomfortable position of agreeing with its usual rivals, such as Iran and Libya, while opposing its traditional allies.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Clinton may visit Oxford in autumn

Washington: President Clinton may make his first official visit to Britain this autumn, and yesterday he said that he wanted to return to Oxford to receive the honorary degree that the university has offered him (Martin Fletcher writes). British and American officials are having preliminary discussions about Mr Clinton coming to London on his way to or from the Nato summit that is likely to be held in Brussels in late November or early December.

Medical ban

Jerusalem: The Israeli Medical Association banned doctors from signing declarations that Palestinian prisoners were fit to undergo "moderate physical pressure" permitted in Israeli law during interrogation. *(AFP)*

Greek pledge

Athens: Greece, which has expelled more than 13,000 illegal Albanians over the past five days, vowed to press on with further expulsions despite protests from the government in Tirana.

Body seized

Calcutta: Police have cremated a Hindu holy man after seizing his body from followers who had guarded it for 55 days while waiting for his resurrection. *(AP)*

TV warning

New York: American television networks agreed to broadcast warnings before programmes containing particularly high levels of violence, starting this autumn.

Brussels takes the EC's helm

Belgium's presidency signals danger for UK

The Belgians are enthusiastically federalist, and determined to refloat the waterlogged ship of European union. ***George Brock*** *writes from Brussels*

EUROPEAN politics enters a new and, for John Major, more dangerous phase today when Belgium takes over the European Community's six-month rotating presidency from Denmark.

Along with the presidency, chairmanship of every committee and council passes from the Euro-sceptic Danes, who endorsed the Maastricht treaty only after promises of huge opt-outs, to the enthusiastically federalist Belgians, who want to refloat the waterlogged ship of European Union.

Belgium is one of the few EC states where there has been almost no public debate on Maastricht: its political class has no doubt about the importance of uniting Europe. In the words of Professor Marcel van Meerhaege, a leading academic: "A Belgian accepts what comes from Europe — including what may be harmful, such as parts of Maastricht — without thinking, almost as if it were the blessed sacrament." But sullen acquiescence might be a better description. The EC's last opinion survey found that 55 per cent of Belgians would be either "very relieved" or "indifferent" if the EC were to be abolished.

The success or failure of Belgium's presidency turns on a handful of judges in Karlsruhe and London. The German supreme court, whose Maastricht hearings open today, is due to rule in September on whether or not the treaty violates Germany's constitution. The British government hopes that any last-ditch court cases brought by anti-Maastricht campaigners in Britain will be seen off at about the same time.

The Community is weighed down by a large backlog of business which has been in limbo while the ratification of Maastricht has stretched out for almost a year longer than planned. Other ratifications have slipped. States such as Spain are dragging their feet in ratifying the treaty setting up a single market between the 12 EC states and six neighbouring countries.

New trade agreements with Eastern Europe are also stuck in the works. A world trade treaty is supposed to be signed by year's end. Those same negotiations were under way when Belgium last held the EC presidency six years ago. An autumn which is supposed to be devoted to welcoming the Maastricht treaty and putting the bounce back into federalism may be filled with quarrels over trade, recession and protectionism.

In an indication, perhaps, that the new presidency will be very different from the old, the Belgian government has made clear that the Danish policy of opening sessions of ministerial councils to television cameras will be stopped. I regret to report that *The Times* fell foul of Jean-Luc Dehaene, the Belgian prime minister, even before his chairmanship began.

An embarrassed Belgian television producer rang recently to withdraw my invitation to appear on a panel questioning Mr Dehaene. The prime minister had made clear to the programme's organisers that he would not appear if such an "anti-European" correspondent was among those asking the questions.

□ **Cyprus rejected:** The European Commission yesterday issued a pessimistic assessment of Malta's application to join the EC and effectively turned down that by Cyprus, saying that the island had no chance of joining until the conflict dividing its Greek and Turkish communities is resolved.



Dehaene: had Times invitation withdrawn

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Wolf: case against him turned on its head

Trial told of Brandt conspiracy

FROM ROGER BOYES IN BONN

MARKUS Wolf, the former East German spymaster, yesterday made good his promise to stir up the Bonn establishment by accusing West German agents of conspiring to overthrow Willy Brandt, the West German chancellor in the early 1970s.

Klaus Kinkel, the foreign minister, who was a senior official in the interior ministry in the 1970s and later head of the counter-espionage service, has been summoned as a witness in the treason trial of General Wolf and other senior officials are expected to be drawn into the case.

The development in the trial came after a three-hour cross-examination of Günther Guillaume, 66, the former communist spy. He was sent to West Germany by the East German security service in 1956 and rose through the ranks of the Social Democratic party. By 1972 he had become personal adviser to Brandt.

"It was my masterpiece as a spy," he boasted yesterday. "But I always tried to serve two men honestly — Willy Brandt and Markus Wolf."

Herr Guillaume's testimony should have been damning for General Wolf, 70. Instead, General Wolf's lawyer turned the case on its head.

Johann Schwemm, the defence lawyer, said only senior Bonn officials could answer the question of why Herr Guillaume was arrested a full year after his East German connections had been discovered. Dr Schwemm said: "Either the secret service was incompetent, or there was the intention to harm the chancellor." If the latter was the case, then General Wolf was standing trial "for an offence actually committed by the accusing state authorities".

Herr Guillaume's testimony directly affects Herr Kinkel and Hans-Dietrich Genscher, the former foreign minister who was then interior minister.

Britain loses US test site

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

BRITAIN has lost its battle to resume nuclear testing in the United States, British and American officials acknowledged yesterday.

President Clinton and his top aides have agreed that he must retreat in the face of intense congressional opposition and adopt a "no first test" option. The president will extend until at least next year the current nine-month moratorium that expires today, provided no other country resumes testing first.

Officials said that the longer the moratorium continues, the less chance there is of testing being resumed in America. A congressional ban on testing takes effect in 1996, and the administration plans to vigorously pursue a global test ban treaty in the interim.

The decision will be a blow to Britain, which has been testing in Nevada since 1962 and has no other test site. The government had argued that new tests were essential to ensure the safety and reliability of its nuclear weapons.

But opponents countered that ending the US moratorium would force Russia, France and China to follow suit, encourage third-world nations to pursue nuclear weapons programmes, and undermine US efforts to win a renewal of the nuclear non-proliferation treaty in 1995.

Downplaying the US decision, a senior British government official said London could live with the outcome. He suggested that nuclear proliferation in the Middle East might pose a bigger threat to Britain's security than Russia's nuclear arsenal.

Mr Clinton will consult John Major, the prime minister, Russia's Boris Yeltsin and President Mitterrand of France before making his announcement. That could come this week, or he may wait until next week's G7 summit in Tokyo.

He had earlier inclined towards approving nine more tests by 1996 — three British — but abandoned that because of congressional opposition.

Stormy royal sell-off hits the rocks

FROM CHARLES BREMNER IN PARIS

AFTER a court battle among the descendants of the French royal family, a Paris judge yesterday ordered the pretender to the throne to cancel an auction of royal treasures at Sotheby's in Monaco and return them to France.

The decision by Judge Marguerite Pelier was a victory for Henri de France, 60, Comte de Clermond and the dauphin, and four other children of the Comte de Paris, who claim that their father, head of the House of France, has spent the past decade frittering away their and France's royal heritage.

This latest and nastiest squabble to afflict the Orleans family — descendants of a cousin of Louis XVI — erupted last week when prospective customers were busy sizing up the lot of 450 items, including a famous sapphire tiara belonging to Marie-Amelie, the last French queen, as well as paintings, correspondence and furniture. The dauphin and four of the surviving nine princes and princesses, and all the males among the count's 39 grandchildren, won a staying order suspending the auction, which was due to be held in Monaco next Saturday.

The children argued that the 85-year-old count had no right to dispose of the royal heritage. "Our father doesn't want to leave anything to his children," said Jacques, 52, Duke of Orleans. "Would they allow the queen of England to sell her crown?"

Backed by his estranged countess, the pretender went to court this week, arguing that the treasures, expected to bring in about £2 million, was theirs to sell and they needed the money. Nonsense, said Jose-Louis Desfilis, the lawyer for the children, who impressed the court by waving a copy of *Point-de-Vue*, France's royal-watching magazine, which listed the five royal châteaux and manor houses which the pretender to the throne has unloaded in recent years, and had raised 61 million francs (£7 million).

The count, who has been waging a battle with his children via the celebrity magazines, insists that he has nowhere to store the collection. The judge yesterday accepted the children's argument that the count is the custodian of the royal property and cannot sell it without his heirs' permission.

The count and Sotheby's are planning to appeal against the decision.

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MPs say British peacekeeping role must be strengthened



Hurd: a new world order does not exist

BY MICHAEL EVANS
DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

A Commons committee concludes that Britain's voice will lose authority if it shirks a 'special responsibility' to the UN

BRITAIN must be prepared to take part in more United Nations peacekeeping missions and to maintain forces sufficient to do so, the Commons defence committee said in a report yesterday.

Concerned that cutbacks in army manpower will undermine Britain's ability to participate in future UN operations, the all-party committee said that infantry represented the crucial element of peacekeeping forces. The MPs even suggested that certain units in the three armed services should be "explicitly or implicitly" identified as likely candidates for peacekeeping duties. Although force levels were too stretched to put them on permanent short-notice standby for the UN, to do so would avoid "a frantic last-minute scramble to find a battalion, ship or squadron".

Also discussing peacekeeping, Douglas Hurd, the foreign secretary, cautioned yesterday against painting Nato as an army of crusaders ready to intervene in every conflict. Although peacekeeping was an important new function for the alliance, "we must not promise more than we can deliver", he said.

Reacting to criticism of Western governments for the way they have handled the war in Bosnia, Mr Hurd said: "We must not let rhetoric run ahead of reality in this new [post-Cold War] world. Nato is not a world policeman. It is certainly not an army of crusaders marching forward to separate combatants by force or to plant the flag of conquest on foreign soil."

Addressing the Carlton Club political committee in London, he said it was not Nato's job to impose Western values outside the alliance or to sort out the disputes of other countries. "Nato cannot be expected to solve all the problems on its borders, and it must not be blamed for failing to do so," he said.

The story of Yugoslavia and the international community, he said, had been one of "exaggerated expectation followed by exaggerated criticism", adding: "A new world order does not exist. It can only be built painfully."

The Commons committee said in its report that "British forces are among the best qualified and most professional in the world. If the increase in UN peacekeeping operations is not matched by at least something approaching a commensurate increase in UK participation, the UK's voice in international affairs will lose authority, and the operations themselves will be less likely to succeed."

Clearly British forces could not participate in every UN operation, the MPs said. Britain nevertheless had "a special responsibility as one of five permanent members of the security council."

The MPs singled out what had happened in Somalia. Two senior defence ministry officials told the committee that British forces could not be offered for Somalia because of other commitments, particularly in Bosnia. Subsequent to the giving of this evidence, Malcolm Rifkind, the defence secretary, denied that no forces had been available for Somalia. He said the best contribution was to send RAF Hercules aircraft.

However, the MPs said: "The evidence suggests that the UK's contribution to operations in Somalia was dictated as much by availability of forces and funds as by an assessment as to the best contribution from a military viewpoint."

The committee called for the appointment of a senior officer to be responsible for peacekeeping matters and said the cost of such missions should be met by the ministry not, as at present, by the Foreign Office. Extra funds should be given to the defence ministry for peacekeeping in the next public expenditure round.

United Kingdom Peacekeeping and Intervention Forces Defence Committee Fourth Report (HMSO, £22.80)

Aidid cache hit by missiles as UN braces for attack

BY SAM KILEY, AFRICA CORRESPONDENT

AMERICAN army Cobra attack helicopters fired TOW missiles into one of General Muhammad Farrah Aidid's arms dumps yesterday as United Nations troops swept through the area around the the port in Mogadishu, the Somali capital, to make it secure ahead of today's independence anniversary.

The arms dump was set ablaze as UN soldiers put up razor wire to hold back angry crowds. The additional security precautions were taken after two Pakistani soldiers were killed while searching the dump for weapons on Monday. Another two Pakistanis and two American soldiers were wounded.

Today is the thirty-third anniversary of Somalia's independence, which General Aidid says is being threatened by UN attempts to recolonise the country.

Admiral Jonathan Howe, the head of the UN operation in Somalia, has repeatedly said that the streets of Mogadishu are safer now than before the UN launched attacks on Mogadishu's most dangerous warlord, but he and his staff are prisoners in their fortified compound in the south of the city. They travel only by helicopter or armoured personnel carrier. Most of the relief agency workers who were evacuated at the beginning of the month have yet to return.

Gunmen loyal to General Aidid, who has been in hiding since his house and many of his weapons were destroyed by the UN more than a week ago, constantly snipe at UN soldiers on patrol. They have also been able to hit ships close to the shore and recently holed a US Navy fuel tanker with what is assumed to have been a 106mm Howitzer.

The death toll among UN peacekeepers in June was 31. More than 50 have been wounded in clashes with gunmen. The 4,300-man Pakistani brigade based in Mogadishu has suffered worst, having lost 24 men on June 5 in a massacre for which the UN holds General Aidid responsible. In all, 27 Pakistanis have been killed in the past 26 days along with four Moroccans who were shot during the ground assault on General Aidid's headquarters.

"The UN did the right thing in going after Aidid," the head of a relief agency in Mogadishu said yesterday. "But now they are in a Catch 22: they don't dare go in and arrest him because that could lead to a backlash from his supporters, yet they cannot let him run free because he is causing so much trouble and so many casualties. If the missile fired at the tanker had hit the fuel tanks, the whole ship could have gone up. That would have been a major victory for Aidid."



Nasra Wehelie, a hotel manager in the Bermuda district which successfully held out against General Aidid's forces during last year's civil war, said: "This isn't going to end until the UN stands up and gets tough with these people. The gunmen are holding up the whole process of rebuilding this country."

Other Somalis from General Aidid's Hebre Gedir clan predicted that he could stage a show of force in Mogadishu today in an attempt to flout the UN. The general has already mocked the UN's anti-Aidid propaganda. When the UN issued a "wanted" poster, offering an unspecified reward for his capture, he responded with similar posters and leaflets calling for the arrest of "Animal Howe".

In an effort to undermine General Aidid's power, Admiral Howe has been holding secret meetings with elders from his clan and distributing leaflets saying that the UN is not against the Hebre Gedir but only against General Aidid and his henchmen. This, too, has backfired because many elders who have had meetings with the UN have been ostracised by their community.

"We don't like a divide-and-rule system. We have been a colony before," one influential Habre Gedir clansman said.

But, as the insecurity continues in Mogadishu, relief and development efforts are still being disrupted. Only a handful of feeding centres were working in the south of the city yesterday.

"I wish the UN would get on with things and arrest or bomb Aidid. The longer he stays on the loose the more he will become a threat to us all," a senior aid worker said.



Closing encounter: President Mubarak of Egypt greets Yassir Arafat, the PLO leader, in Cairo yesterday at the end of the thirtieth Organization of African Unity summit. African leaders agreed to set up a system to resolve conflicts on the continent amid warnings from Sudan that United Nations efforts in Somalia were the harbinger of a "new colonialism" (Sam Kiley writes). A resolution gave additional powers to Salim Ahmed Salim, the secretary-general of the OAU, to take the initiative in preventing and resolving conflicts. Sudan and Eritrea expressed reservations.

Covert arms dealers come to Iraq's aid

BY RICHARD BEESTON IN BAGHDAD AND MICHAEL EVANS, DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

The roar of the six warplanes skimming only a few yards above the shimmering desert sands made the Iraqi driver look up in consternation for fear of an allied air attack, until he recognised the distinctive profile of the MiG fighters.

"They are ours," he said with a mixture of relief and pride, emphasising to a visiting foreigner that despite Iraq's substantial military losses over the past two years, its armed forces are far from defeated.

Although Iraq's army and air force sustained severe damage to equipment and infrastructure during the Gulf war and its aftermath, there are clear signs that the regime of President Saddam Hussein has succeeded in replacing or repairing much of its conventional military hardware.

Saddam has set about reconstituting his vast war machine with the help of an elaborate network of "independent" suppliers, many of them operating in Jordan. Among the covert suppliers, according to intelligence sources, are Iranian middlemen. Since the end of the Gulf war, the Iraqi president has been engaged in a full reconstruction programme, aimed at repairing damaged arms factories, cannibalising parts from damaged tanks and artillery pieces, importing raw materials to restart ammunition production lines, and building up the number of divisions.

The sources said Saddam had been using evasion techniques learnt during Iraq's substantial arms build-up in the 1980, with false end-user certificates, front companies and a string of middlemen, using port and road facilities in Jordan.

Just as the Iraqis have cannibalised parts from damaged tanks, so they have also made maximum use of spares from crippled aircraft. Many different types of fighter plane are now known to be operational.

Intelligence sources said: "They have learnt a lot of lessons from the Gulf war in how to maintain and repair damaged equipment and are now much more self-sufficient."

The Iraqis are also believed to have saved large numbers of Scud and modified Scud ballistic missiles and they have rebuilt the facilities for manufacturing the weapons.

A report on the military build-up released this week by the foreign affairs subcommittee of the US House of Representatives estimated that the Iraqi military industrial complex had rebuilt to about 80 per cent of its prewar strength and could again be in a position to threaten its neighbours. That was clearly illustrated in Baghdad recently during the celebration of Saddam's 56th birthday, when he organised a military parade in his honour and produced a 3½-hour televised display of Iraqi military might.

Even the Iraqi leader's security apparatus is functioning normally, despite last weekend's American cruise missile attack on the regime's intelligence headquarters in Baghdad. Experts point out that there are several other parallel organisations still left intact to retain his iron grip on power, such as military intelligence, the general directorate for security, attached to the ministry of interior, the ruling Baath party's secret police, and the president's own security service.

What remains to be seen is how Saddam will behave with his new-found political confidence and military strength, in particular whether he will be emboldened to challenge America, its allies, and the United Nations.

The most worrying element of the Iraqi arms revival is the evidence that Saddam is pursuing his nuclear and biological warfare programmes. Although the nuclear weapon infrastructure was largely destroyed by allied bombers and American Tomahawk cruise missiles, the 10,000 Iraqi scientists who were involved in the programme remain in their posts, paid and employed.



Saddam: has replaced military hardware

A UN nuclear inspection team left Baghdad yesterday, satisfied that it had completed its work and that Iraq's atomic programme was "devastated, damaged and finished".

Bob Kelley, the team's leader from the International Atomic Energy Agency, said he was convinced that "there is no reason to believe there is a hidden reactor in Iraq" and that until new evidence emerged the inspections in the country should be discontinued.

Chissano talks in London

Renamo 'delaying Mozambique poll'

BY EVE-ANN PRENTICE, DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

PRESIDENT Chissano of Mozambique yesterday accused his former civil war foe, the Mozambique National Resistance Movement, Renamo, of jeopardising preparations for the country's first multi-party general and presidential elections, planned for no later than October next year.

A draft electoral law has been presented to Renamo and other emerging political parties for comment. But Mr Chissano said Renamo was delaying the implementation of key parts of the peace accord signed last October to end the 17-year war.

"Renamo's response to the appeal of the international community for it to return to Maputo and join in the general implementation of the general peace agreement has been slow," Mr Chissano told the Royal Institute of International Affairs in London. He criticised Renamo for dragging its feet in appointing representatives to organisations set up under the peace deal which will lead to the elections.

"These commissions, which should have resumed their work in full this month, are moving at a very slow pace," he said. Mr Chissano indicated his growing frustration when he cited one delay caused by a Renamo request for uniforms for its delegates to organisations set up under the peace agreement.

"The adoption of the electoral law by July this year is therefore a matter of urgency. Without the electoral law, the essential preparations for elections cannot be initiated."

Mr Chissano was due to meet John Major, Douglas Hurd, the foreign secretary, and Baroness Chalker, the overseas development minister, yesterday, before leaving London today. Britain has offered to train a Mozambican army in Nyanga, Zimbabwe.

Mr Chissano said the peace process was also being hampered by a United Nations delay in deploying military observers to oversee the demobilisation of the former warring parties. He also called on the international community to provide more resources for the return of more than a million refugees.



Chissano: criticising old foes for slowing reform

☐ **Johannesburg:** The Pan Africanist Congress called off a demonstration at the World Trade Centre because, it said, it did not want "to lead people into slaughter" (Ray Kennedy writes). The PAC, which has vowed to continue armed resistance until multiracial government is installed, said its planned demonstration was to highlight the partiality of the security forces.

Arsonists 'target call girls'

FROM ANDREW FINKEL IN ISTANBUL

TEN people who died after an arson attack on a hotel in eastern Turkey may have been the victims of a Muslim moral backlash, a Turkish television station has claimed. The presence of two Russian women among the dead and of several others among the 28 people injured has lead to speculation that local people set fire to the Yenigun hotel in the city of Van to punish prostitutes.

The once staid communities along the Black Sea coast and throughout eastern Turkey have become notorious for the presence of "Natashas", women from the former Soviet Union who take advantage of the open frontier to peddle any variety of household goods and, on occassion, their bodies.

Up to now, Natashas have been the subjects of modern myth and popular ballad, with their fame spreading to the nightclubs of the Mediterranean and to the public brothels in the largely Kurdish city of Diyarbakir.

Recently, the Turkish press has begun to report incidents of people, upset by the new morality, prepared to take the law into their own hands. A man wearing shorts who entered a conservative neighbourhood was stabbed for violating family values.

If the incident in Van was indeed the result of similar outrage, it will be the worst instance by far. The other victims in the blaze were all Turks. Two Danes and many Iranians were among the injured. Unal Erkan, the governor for the region, confirmed that three people had started the fire deliberately in an act he described as "inhuman".

Charity says genocide and neglect threaten Kurds

BY KATE ALDERSON

THE genocidal policy of Iraq against the Kurds, and the failure of the international community to safeguard them, puts their survival in jeopardy, Save The Children said yesterday.

Two years after the establishment by the United Nations of a Kurdish "safe haven" in northern Iraq, the future of the Kurds remains under threat, the report says. Around 200,000 Kurds are still displaced and have not been able to return to their homes, according to *The Kurds in Iraq: How Safe is Their Haven Now?*

David Keen, author of the report, said that President Saddam Hussein "would have reason to doubt whether an attack on the Kurds would draw retaliation from the West". The UN programme "never established itself effectively", Dr Keen said.

In spite of protection offered by allied air cover, Iraqi incursions by troops and undercover agents continued to terrify the population. "We are looking at a disaster in the making," he said. "Preparations for winter must be made now. During the last year, the Kurds had more to thank God for than the international community."

Dr Keen recommended the lifting of sanctions against the Kurds, imposed by the international community as part of an embargo against Iraq. "The Kurds' experiment in democracy should be rewarded," Dr Keen said. "There is a great danger that the economic deprivation will cause the collapse of the Kurdish administration and propel the Kurds into the hands of Saddam Hussein from a position of extreme weakness."

The charity's recommendations follow a BBC *Newsnight* report this week which claimed that as many as 200,000 Kurds may have been murdered in recent years by the Iraqi government. It cited a memorandum urging Iraqi forces to "kill the largest number of persons" possible in an aerial bombardment of Kurdish villages.

The United Nations said in a report earlier this year that Iraq was guilty of human rights abuses on a huge scale and that tens of thousands of Kurds were killed in purges that were ordered in the late 1980s by the Iraqi leader.

Rebel colonel picked as new Baku prime minister

FROM ANATOL LIEVEN IN MOSCOW

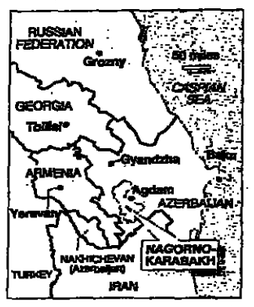
SURAT Husseinov, the Azerbaijani rebel leader, achieved a key aim yesterday when the Baku parliament, by a 38-1 majority, made him prime minister with full control over the security forces.

The move followed three days of intensive negotiations with Heidar Aliyev, the parliamentary chairman, but as the parliament building was ringed with Colonel Husseinov's troops, mingling freely with those of the former government, the issue was not in very much doubt.

The colonel's appointment was promptly denounced by supporters of President Elchibey, who remains at his mountain retreat in the enclave of Nakhichevan and continues to insist that he is the legitimate head of state. However, a parliamentary commission is due to report next week on the president's responsibility for the armed assault on June 4 on Colonel Husseinov's forces and this will almost certainly lead to his impeachment.

There have been several small demonstrations in Baku in support of the president and against what Popular Front members called the "junta". Tofiq Gasimov, the foreign minister, and several other top officials have resigned, and the chairmen of nine district councils in Baku have also said that they will not co-operate with the new government.

However, in a sign of an impending crackdown, the censorship of Popular Front newspapers has begun. In those parts of Azerbaijan controlled by Colonel Husseinov's forces, Popular Front officials have been arrested, and some are reported to have been killed. There are fears that the front may resort to terrorism, although its leaders say that they will use only "democratic and peaceful means to restore democracy".



Sabit Bagirov, the chairman of the state oil company, and several of his deputies have also resigned. The government has announced that it is suspending a deal with Western oil companies, including British Petroleum, for the joint development of offshore oil fields in the Caspian Sea. Both Mr Aliyev and Colonel Husseinov have, however, pledged to continue economic co-operation with the West, and have invited oil company representatives to a meeting today.

In the disputed enclave of Nagorno-Karabakh, Azerbaijani troops continue to lose ground to Armenian forces. The Armenians have taken advantage of the country's internal strife to launch an offensive which on Sunday captured Mardakert, the last key Azeribaijani position. There are reports that the nearby regional centre of Agdam, in Azerbaijan proper, is under continual Armenian attack.

☐ **Back in the USSR:** The commander of the Russo-Ukrainian Black Sea fleet, Admiral Eduard Baltin, yesterday ordered the hoisting of the flag of the former Soviet Union over the fleet's decaying ships. This appears to be the only symbol left which can avoid dividing the fleet and destroying the present rapprochement in Russian-Ukrainian relations.

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Chinese 'capitalist' model runs deeper into the red

FROM JONATHAN MIRSKY
EAST ASIA EDITOR
IN HONG KONG

■ Peking's flirtation with market reform has brought overheating of the economy and the risk of peasant unrest. The head of the People's Bank is likely to be sacked

CHINA's economy has entered its seventh year of budget deficit, at 23.663 billion yuan (£2.75 billion), and Hong Kong's main banks are predicting big drops in the colony's gross national product as the Chinese — prime depositors here — start to withdraw funds to the mainland.

Deng Xiaoping, China's octogenarian leader and the driving force behind the nation's economic reforms, now faces the prospect of rural discontent, unseen since the Communist takeover in 1949, as well as vast official corruption. His economic reforms have led to a bumpy boom-and-bust cycle, resulting in a steep rise in the standard of living for many urban and some rural Chinese.

Although it is usual to blame the country's unprofitable state industries for soaking up huge subsidies, the present anguish can be seen largely in the overheated "capitalist" sector. In January last year, Mr Deng made a tour of the south, concentrating on



Rongji: tipped to take charge of the economy

Canton province and the Shenzhen special economic zone, both just across the border from Hong Kong. There he proclaimed that all areas and regions of China must emulate the drive and innovation of the south. Now inflation, running at 17 per cent nationally, has hit 30 per cent in his model area. Perhaps as early as this week, the ruling state council will convene a summit at which provincial and state leaders will be attempting to sort out the mounting problems.

It is almost certain that Li Guixian, the governor of the People's Bank, will be sacked and his successor will be Zhu Rongji, China's top crisis manager and vice-premier, who has been the de facto prime minister during the "cold", or actual heart attack, of Li Peng, the premier.

If Mr Zhu does take over the position, he will have to take control of inflation, a galloping growth in money supply, and a chaotic financial network.

China hates admitting to any turmoil, and the severity of this crisis has yet to be disclosed in the mainland press. In Hong Kong, the Peking-directed *Ta Kung Pao* revealed that "the state council deeply feels it must take steps to cure and rectify phenomena, including the disorderly raising of funds, the disorderly issuing of stocks and bonds, and the disorderly use of credit and funds to speculate in stocks and real estate". All these things, the paper noted, "were of concern to Zhu Rongji".

A measure of China's economic despair appeared two days ago in *Zhongguo Xinwenshe*, one of the mainland's news services here. Industrial growth in China soared by 27.3 per cent in May alone, it reported, a 14-year record. In the first five months of this year, industrial production increased by 23.8 per cent. But energy production rose by 4.3 per cent. Annual oil production is dropping at the rate of 20 million tonnes annually.

With the tense state of railways, power shortages, and an increase in the volume of road transport, *Zhongguo Xinwenshe* said, Chinese oil prices are now double those in the international market and soon. "China will have to become an oil-importing country".



Registering their protest: nurses demonstrating outside the Taiwanese parliament in Taipei yesterday against proposals to allow private clinics to hire unlicensed staff

Peg puts Cook in his place

FROM ASSOCIATED PRESS
IN SYDNEY

A WOODEN peg from a shipwreck suggests Europeans may have "discovered" Australia more than 100 years before Captain James Cook chartered and took possession of Australia's east coast for Britain in 1770.

Bill Boyd, a researcher, said carbon-dating of the six-inch yew peg from the 165ft to 245ft ship suggests it was crafted from wood cut from a European forest between 1450 and 1660.

Mr Boyd, a University of New England environmental archaeologist, said a laboratory in Miami, Florida, dated the peg, taken from a wreck under a sand dune at Suffolk Park, 375 miles north of Sydney. Mr Boyd wants to retrieve more pieces. "We don't know if the age of the peg is the same as the rest of the ship," he said. "Maybe it was salvaged from an older vessel and then used secondhand."

Four-year hitch besets Patten

BY EVE-ANN PRENTICE, DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

A DIPLOMATIC time bomb will be ticking for Chris Patten, the governor of Hong Kong, when he meets John Major this morning to bring the prime minister up to date on how negotiations with China on the future of the colony are proceeding. Peking will take over exactly four years from today.

As Mr Patten arrived in London yesterday, however, there was little hope of accelerating the negotiations. "Don't expect an earth-shattering announcement," a government spokesman said of the talks between Mr Major, Mr Patten and other ministers and officials. "We would like to increase the pace, but it doesn't just depend on us. The purpose of this exercise is to decide how to plan ahead."

China resumed negotiations in April on the 1997 handover of Hong Kong after heaping abuse on Mr Patten for six months over his proposals for increased democracy in the colony. Mr Patten's visit coincides with British calls this week for an end to torture, the release of dissidents, and a review of the death penalty in China.

Lord Howe, the former foreign secretary who led a human rights delegation to China last December, said he hoped these and other recommendations in the delegation's report would be seriously considered by Peking. The delegation said that it hoped there could be a general amnesty for all those detained in connection with non-violent political dissent.

Chinese officials say that there are no political prisoners in China, but they have acknowledged that more than 4,000 "counter-revolutionaries" were in jail last year. The delegation said that it was "gravely concerned" about widespread reports of torture of people being held in detention and "by the implication that torture is now endemic within the Chinese detention and investigation system".

Although the delegation did not seek an outright end to the death penalty, it called for a reduction in the number of offences carrying the death penalty. It also wants to see a ban on public executions, the parading of condemned prisoners, and the use of the organs of executed prisoners for transplants.

Lord Howe said the group was told by an "unofficial but generally reliable source" that as many as 20,000 people may have been executed in China in the 18 months from August 1990. The Chinese authorities refuse to provide an official figure.

Mets pitch up heroic failure

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN NEW YORK

In the unpredictable world of American baseball nothing, it seems, succeeds like huge, repeated and consistent failure.

Anthony Young, a right-handed pitcher for the New York Mets, has made it to the record books by losing his twenty-fourth consecutive game, the worst streak in the game's history. But the crowd at Shea Stadium, usually the most unforgiving group of people, cheered him to the echo.

The traditional method



Young: losing his way into history books

of dealing with baseball failures is to sack, demote or, if possible, lynch them, but something about the luckless Young has touched the stony heart of New York. He has become the city's anti-hero. He may be completely hopeless at baseball, he may not actually have pitched a winning game for 16 months, he may never win another game. But the Mets have decided to continue using him for as long as it takes (or at least until July 12, when baseball takes a mid-season break).

Even Young seems a little bemused by his sudden, illogical popularity. "The fans have been great," he said after racking up loss No. 24. "See how they cheered me today. They want me to break the record about as much as I do."

This was a rather confusing remark since it implied, perhaps accurately, that Young might actually have wanted to lose against St Louis. Certainly many of the Mets' fans were delighted. Until Young's triumphant failure last Sunday, the record of 23 losses in succession, held by Cliff Curtis of the Boston National League team, had stood unthreatened for 82 years and 36 days.

Young has been deluged with fan mail; in New York restaurants, he is mobbed by Mets enthusiasts demanding his autograph. Rabbits' feet and other good-luck charms arrive by every post.

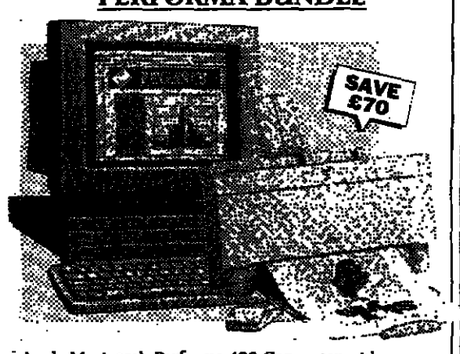
A medium even contacted the Mets team offices, offering to contact the spirit of Curtis, just in case Young felt like crowing a little over the man whose record he has now broken. He declined.

A native of Houston, Texas, he is phlegmatic. "I have the record," he told the press last Sunday. "Now y'all can leave me alone." This is exceedingly unlikely. Breaking a record is one thing, but New Yorkers can turn distinctly nasty if you do not know when to stop.

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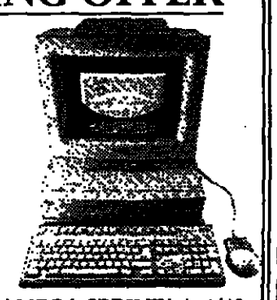
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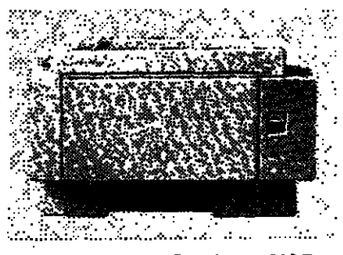


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In control: Janet Gough requires pupils to take nine GCSEs, and has reintroduced traditional assemblies with readings from the Authorised Version of the Bible

St Paul's: safe in her hands

London's famous girls' school is steering into calmer waters with the appointment of a new head, says **Alice Thomson**

There was once a headmistress who used to dance cancans on the stage with a red net petticoat peeping seductively from beneath her dress. She would turn up for parents' evenings dressed in towelling pyjamas, wowed fathers with her manicured blonde looks, out-Chaneled the most elegant mothers and won 11-year-olds over with her cats. Her nights were spent at cosmopolitan dinner parties and her days in board meetings but her charges were all A-grade students.

The school was St Paul's Girls' School in West London, the high mistress Baroness Brigstocke. When Heather Brigstocke retired three years ago, finding a new high mistress was always going to be a problem.

The governors' first answer was to go to the other extreme by appointing Helen Williams, an academic who had taught English literature at Edinburgh University. Those taught by her remember a quiet, thorough woman who believed that wide reading and not cramming for examinations was the best way of producing intelligent, well-educated young women.

But Paulinas (it rhymes with diners and lip liners) are singular, sophisticated teenagers with independent minds, more Lycra than blue stocking, mixing modelling with Modigliani and rock concerts with the school choir. Old girls include Lady Thatcher's daughter Carol, the MP Harriet Harman, Shirley now Baroness Williams of Crosby, and the novelist Shirley Conran. So the pupils called Mrs Williams "The Mouse" and ignored the fact that she knew all their names. When she admitted that she might have "mistaken the pace of the school" she was met with a chorus of boos. The mainly professional parents agreed: they wanted exam results, not well-balanced young ladies.

When Janet Gough, the school's deputy head for five years, announced that she was taking a sabbatical, everyone panicked. Mrs Williams left. Miss Gough, the "safe pair of hands" who had taught English there for 28 years, became the acting head. Last week she was confirmed as high mistress.

At 9.20am school assembly is just ending and students in M&S cardies, black leggings, floral dresses and mini skirts are trooping out of the Great Hall. Miss Gough sits confidently in an immaculate study, confronted by an empty desk. "I prefer tables because they cause less clutter," she says briskly.

Although she talks in a low voice, one finger in front of her mouth, the new high mistress is obviously in control, of herself and the school. Her first change was to reintroduce traditional assemblies where the girls stand in silence as she walks in each morning and are then stiffened with readings from the Authorised Version of the Bible.

The Hon Harry Palmer, Old Etonian chairman of the governors, wrote to parents recently saying: "After the unsettling period last summer the school quickly recovered its equilibrium under Miss Gough's wide and experienced guidance."

Miss Gough says: "There has been so much disinformation about the whole business that you must make sure you get it right. The last few years have been wasteful."

So what pitfalls does she need to avoid? The main criticism levelled at Mrs Williams was her desire to cut the number of GCSEs taken by Paulinas to six, considering them too easy for her sophisticated charges. Although Miss Gough agrees that GCSEs are not taxing enough for bright young Paulinas, she is sticking to nine.

She has no qualms about the presumed elitist and arrogant nature of the school. "There is nothing elitist about going for the very highest standards in academic life. It's like cricketers or tennis players. I would like to build a scholarship system and offer the same service to those who can't afford the fees."

Nor is she obsessive about Oxford and Cambridge. "If you go straight from public school to Oxford there is an element of repetition and I think university should be about finding a new challenge."

And what about style? Baroness Brigstocke was an assiduous cultivator of the rich and famous. But she also said: "I think it is terrible that home economics is so under threat in the national curriculum because this is the one way girls get educated about food hygiene."

So will Miss Gough be another shoulder-padded role model? Her suit is a neat pale blue, her shoes are well cared for but she is by no means a glamour-puss, referring to the Comte de Buffon: "Style is the person." She continues: "Heather was very good at the eighties thing of looking and feeling good, but the problem is that girls now have 57 different goals and they are supposed to become superwomen. I want to give these people a chance to stick out against the rest and find their own voice."

Baroness Brigstocke was known for her pragmatic, Thatcherite approach to education. "I run this school as a business," she once said. But Miss Gough would be horrified at the suggestion that her most important goal is to restore consumer confidence in the St Paul's brand name. The school has been her life.

Miss Gough went to Ludlow high school for girls in Shropshire and is a firm advocate of single-sex education. "If you give children a context that is gender-free they can flourish in their own right. Girls are not a priority in a boys' school."

Out of school, however, she approves of mixing. Paulinas are given a book called *Taking Care* and are considered mature enough to cope with their own social life. "Of course some of them have boyfriends at 14."

At Cambridge she was, by her own admission, very idle, leaving with a lower second, "but that doesn't stop me from lecturing girls about wasting their time".

Her career at St Paul's has been mostly "plain sailing", but "if I were married and trying to run two sorts of life it would be very difficult. The job can be quite exasperating," she admits. "Former students often berate me for not warning them about babies and careers: schools should be about enablement not restrictions. But girls do need to learn to be shrewd, which is not a quality that academics rate very highly."

Little deer that lost its bottle

Peter Millar has no regrets over Babycham's X certificate relaunch

So farewell then, Babycham bambi! The prissy prancing deer with the big blue bow-tie is on the way to the knacker's yard. In search of a new look for the millennium, Gaymer, makers of the fizzy fun-girl's tipple, have decided to go for an image with more bottle.

To be fair to the Disney company, the little deer that has for 40 years been the symbol of the brand, has an only coincidental relation to the cartoon character. Babycham's little deer is actually oriental in origin, based on a figment of Chinese mythology. But the coincidence of their first appearances left them subconsciously linked in our psyches.

That was then, this is now. The drink that offered 1950s housewives a giggle down the local, became a sweet seduction tool for their teenage daughters. Babycham was booze in disguise. The little deer was a visual metaphor for the taste, sugary and innocuous, though it actually had a kick in its hind legs: an alcohol content of 6 per cent, stronger than most imported lagers.



Women's tipple: sweet but with a kick in the tail

But it didn't look it. There was always a lot of sham in Babycham. Now the days of women hiding their tastes behind a cameo camouflage have long gone. The "in" image for the nineties and beyond is raunchier by far. Not only is Gaymer relaunching the product in a blue bottle shaped like a hand grenade with an aggressively signed letter "B" but also a new "extra dry" version with a scrawled "X" suggesting a certificate for the over-18s only. And rightly so, for the Babycham story is a sexual chronicle of the postwar generation.

Initially, after its invention in 1953 by Dorset man Francis Showering, still alive and well at 80 if disgruntled by the latest change, Babycham's image was entrenched in traditional romance. It was the celebration drink for the poor girl's wedding, and a Proustian magic key to memories ever after. It was advertised as "the genuine champagne perry", a line wisely withdrawn before the French growers could inflict on it the same wrath on behalf of their grapes that has since struck the makers of a sparkling elderflower drink. But by the end of the sexy sixties, the catchline "I'd love a Babycham" had become less "little girl in a man's world" and more suggestive, with a drawled emphasis on the word "love".

The impending changes are not just in line with female self-perception but also with the growing market for design-conscious drinks. A great marketing success story of recent years has been cider, which has experienced an image revolution from the cloudy tipple of rural peasants and get-drunk-quick for urban teenagers to an alternative snort for the smart set.

White Diamond, Red Rock and K2 are sold on the promise of a substantial alcohol content and a taste that belies it. In short, despite the tough business executive image, they are still the provincial girl's introduction to a night on the tiles, with her boyfriend's worst instincts at heart. Babycham is at long last coming out of the closet, even if its new look admits to being a perry — a pear cider — only as much as White Diamond owns up to being made from apples.

But projection has always been a critical factor, particularly in the female market. German women of the post-emancipation era could adapt quickly to beer drinking because draught beer was served in delicate glasses with stems. British women, in contrast, were perceived to be ill at ease with the classic straight pint. Landlords have tried to respond with the half-pint balloon glass offered, often after the half-apologetic query: "Is it for a lady, sir?".

The change in the market has been forced also by the wider experience offered by travel. Belgian, and Bavarian wheat beers are slowly trickling into Britain as frothy alternatives to our own ale. But the greatest inroad has come from the popularity on skiing holidays of Austrian "Gespritzte" (literally injected), white wine and soda, to a level not known since Oscar Wilde made a fetish of hock 'n' seltzer.

In the meantime it's bye-bye bambi and no regrets. The big girls should have blown you away years ago.



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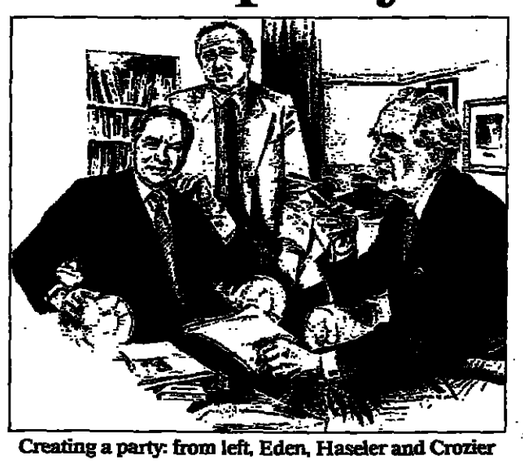
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This Saturday in The Times Magazine

Brian Crozier, scourge of the left, concludes his memoir with an account of the formation of the SDP

Who inspired Britain's new party?



Creating a party: from left, Eden, Haseler and Crozier

BY THE late 1970s I had long nursed the idea that, with the Labour party apparently irremediably tainted, the solution to a subversive Opposition which might come back to power could lie only in the creation of a non-subversive alternative party of government. Nor was I alone in this manner of thinking.

British readers, at least, are familiar with the sad, sometimes farcical story of the Social Democratic party (SDP), the personality clashes between David Owen and Roy Jenkins, the unhappy merger with the Liberals; in short, the collapse of what had seemed a promising realignment of British politics. And yet, the true story of its prehistory has not, until now, been told.

In fact, the inspirers of the SDP were two young academics, and the idea matured through meetings in my office. The academics were Douglas Eden and Stephen Haseler, both of whom taught politics at London polytechnics — Eden at the Middlesex and Haseler at the City of London.

I first met Douglas Eden at one of the early sessions of the National Association for Freedom, with Ross McWhirter in the chair. The NAF was supposed to be strictly non-party, and the presence of a long-time Labour man, as Eden was, emphasised this.

Eden, a New Yorker, had a powerful analytical intellect. I already knew his close associate Stephen Haseler. The theme of our discussions was invariably the accelerating takeover of the Labour party by the Marxist-Leninist Left. Haseler had written an important book on it in *The Death of British Democracy*.

Eden and Haseler had already done something about the problem, as co-founders of the Social Democratic Alliance (SDA), which concentrated on political work at the municipal level: all three of us agreed that something bigger was needed: a Social Democratic *Party* to isolate the revolutionary Left and cut it down in size.

A key question was the leadership. We all agreed that the most promising choice, in terms of political weight and experience, was Roy Jenkins, who at the time was in Brussels as Commissioner of the European Community. His term was due to expire in 1981.

One Sunday, Douglas Eden came to my home to report that he and Haseler had gone to Brussels to talk to Jenkins, who had decided in favour of the proposed new party. At the end of February 1981, four Labour moderates — Jenkins, Shirley Williams, David Owen, and William Rodgers — met in Dr Owen's Docklands home and issued what became known as the Limehouse Declaration, announcing the creation of a Council for Social Democracy. They went on to form the SDP, and were duly expelled from the Labour party. Our idea had borne fruit.

The prehistory I have recounted does not appear in either the Jenkins or the Owen memoirs. The fact that I was involved was, of course, not conveyed to them, as it would have been a premature kiss of death. However, it is surely surprising that neither man acknowledges a debt to Eden or Haseler. Roy Jenkins does not mention either of them; Owen does, fleetingly, but only to say: "...The Social Democratic Alliance, led by Stephen Haseler and Douglas Eden, was on the point of being proscribed by the NEC (National Executive Committee of the Labour Party) and they were pressing Roy Jenkins to ally himself with them ..."

This was hardly the point of the Eden/Haseler approach to Jenkins.

APART from the personal differences between Owen and Jenkins; and the complications of the link with David Steel's Liberal party, the deeper reason for the fiasco of the SDP experiment, in Eden's view and in mine, lay in Roy Jenkins's unwillingness to use the party for the purpose for which it had been created.

His aim was not to split the Labour party so much as to split the Tories, by attracting moderate, anti-Thatcher MPs. He comes close to saying as much in a passage about the prime minister's dismissal of various "wets" from her government, listing as examples Norman St John-Stevas, Ian Gilmour, and Christopher Soames. He goes on: "The question was whether this would lead to a significant break from the Conservative party towards us."

This was a silly idea, if only because moderate Conservatives do not necessarily think of themselves as social democrats. The point was to woo true social democrats away from the stranglehold of the Leninist extremists who had taken over major unions and were dictating Labour's programme.

What was needed was a non-extremist, left-of-centre party to replace the corrupted party that would have horrified Clement Attlee, Hugh Gaitskell and Ernest Bevin.

There was another ideological blind spot. Shirley Williams thought of herself as a "democratic socialist", and Owen seemed to equate that term with "social democrat". Neither seemed conscious of the contradiction at the heart of "democratic socialism", for socialism, even if achieved by democratic means, is by its nature irreversible; as the doctrinaire socialists who drafted Labour's 1974 manifesto well knew. The key word, "irreversible", is the ingredient that is incompatible with democracy. There is no such contradiction in the formula of "social democracy".

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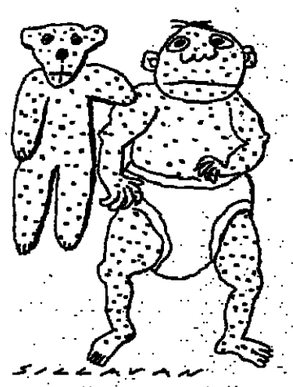


Why chickenpox should be caught young; the inadequacy of bikini bottoms; and new views on jaundice

Serious blisters

THE death of Nicola Wilson and her recently delivered baby from chickenpox was a revelation to all those people to whom it has always seemed a trivial disease; no more, probably, than a good excuse to stay away from school. Usually chickenpox represents, if caught in childhood, a few days of discomfort from itching, traditionally eased with calamine lotion and, for older children, an antihistamine syrup such as Vallergan, followed by an uneventful recovery. Even the irritation had its compensations — for the old rule that a return to school was not allowed until the last scab had separated meant that a good scratch could keep the idle at home until the holidays.

In children, the first sign of the disease is usually the spots, which are initially vesicles, small blisters, which look like drops of dew on the skin. The blisters give way to sores which later scab over. The infection is mild in those children who have inherited some of their mother's immunity, but in older children or adults this immunity is waning or absent. The patient can feel terrible, with a splitting headache and flu-type aches and pains even before the rash, which is more widespread than in young children, has appeared.



In some cases of adult chickenpox, the patient develops complications which can be serious; as well as secondary infection of the rash they occasionally suffer a rapidly progressive pneumonia, hepatitis, encephalitis or, in very rare cases, serious haemorrhage into the tissues around the spots.

The chance of developing a complication is enhanced if the patient is immuno-compromised; patients with Aids for instance, or those taking immuno-suppressant drugs such as might be prescribed after transplants, or patients who need steroids — all are likely to suffer badly. Pregnancy, too, causes some immuno-suppression, a reduced resistance to the chickenpox virus.

The greatest dangers of chickenpox lie in infection during pregnancy. The danger at this stage is to the child rather than the mother, as the baby while *in utero* has no resistance and an attack in the first 20 weeks of pregnancy can be as damaging as one of German measles.

Fortunately, the risk of foetal damage following an attack of chickenpox in pregnancy is only 3 per cent. Even more dangerous is chickenpox in the baby's first three or four weeks of life. If the mother has not had the disease and, therefore, the baby has no acquired immunity, these cases carry a death rate of 30 per cent. Because of this high mortality both the *British Medical Journal* and the medical journal *Monitor* have separately, and before the recent tragedy, advocated treatment with *Zoster immune globulin for young* babies with chickenpox who are born to mothers who have not previously had the disease.

Treatment of severe chickenpox with acyclovir, the anti-viral agent, given intravenously if need be, can be life-saving in serious cases. The best defence however, remains catching it when young. Parents should be grateful when their four-year-old displays a few vesicles.



MEDICAL BRIEFING

Dr Thomas Stuttaford

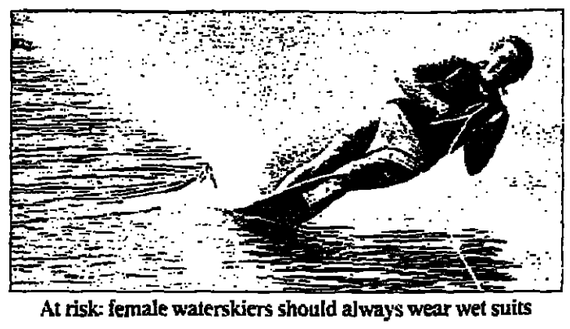
Waterskiing risk for women

AT THIS time of year, doctors expect to see an occasional patient whose enthusiasm for water skiing has resulted in some minor bone or joint injury. From time to time, they might deal with the consequences of a more serious accident. A gynaecological complication of water skiing is not a hazard which seems obvious, but, according to a gynaecologist who practises near one small African resort and who treated one of my patients recently, they are not uncommon, though frequently undiagnosed.

The gynaecologist says she treats about five cases a year, from among the 20-30 people who can be seen skiing off the beach at any one time. The injury occurs if the skiier falls backward rather than forwards while being towed at speed, and, as she falls, does the splits. The outstretched legs funnel the water into her groin. Such is the force of water that a chic bikini offers no resistance and the full impact is taken by the posterior vaginal wall.

As the vaginal tear, if it occurs, cannot be seen without an internal examination with a speculum, the patient usually assumes that any bleeding is physiological — an early period perhaps and unrelated to the spill and general soreness. It is only those patients who, like mine, have a persistent and heavy haemorrhage, who seek medical advice.

Fortunately, the gynaecologist's experience is that the tear usually involves only the lining and is easily stitched. The preventive answer, I am told, is simple. However sunny the weather, less-experienced women water skiers should wear a wet suit — which stays in place in a fall and provides a barrier to the sea.



At risk: female waterskiers should always wear wet suits

Hepatitis protection

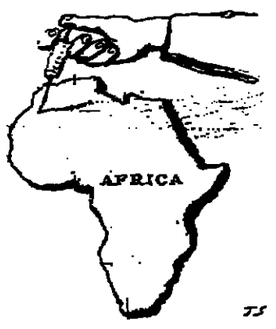
THE RECENT death of a traveller to North Africa who caught hepatitis A despite being, as he thought, protected against it by an injection of gamma globulin (immuno globulin), is a warning to all those who travel to the less-hygienic parts of the world.

The answer is to have a course of injections of Havrix. Three injections of Havrix, which is made from the inactivated hepatitis A virus, provides protection for years, rather than months, as with gamma globulin.

As standards of sanitation and hygiene in kitchens improves, so the number of cases of hepatitis A is falling in Britain. The efficacy of gamma globulin relies on enough of the people whose blood plasma has been pooled to make its manufacture possible having had Hepatitis A — and, hence, antibodies to the virus.

As the percentage of the population who have been infected with Hepatitis A falls, so may the gamma globulin become deficient in antibodies.

Hepatitis A — in the past imprecisely often known as "jaundice" or "infectious hepatitis" — is very rarely a fatal disease. Nonetheless, it is a very debilitating one which, in its initial stages, can make a patient feel extraordinarily ill.



The worst pain I can imagine

Mary Ann Sieghart discovers the hurtful truth about natural birth propaganda

A friend of my mother had her first child a few years before my brother was born. It was easier, she assured my mother, than going to the dentist. More than 30 years later, my mother still remembers the sense of betrayal she felt when she first went into labour. Surely no amount of dental treatment could compare with such pain?

A generation on, I sympathise. Women of my age, too, have been betrayed, sometimes by their friends, but more often by a whole philosophy of childbirth expounded nowadays in many books. Not only is natural childbirth supposed to be far better for the baby, we are also assured that it will be the most rewarding experience a woman can undergo.

It was this combination of threat and blandishment that persuaded me to take the natural route when my second daughter was born three weeks ago: the threat that the use of pain-relieving drugs would be irresponsible because they might harm the baby; and the blandishment of an unforgettable, quasi-spiritual high.

One of my books was *New Active Birth*, by Janet Balaskas, a founder of the active birth movement. She writes: "Many women say that the moment of birth was like the greatest orgasm they have ever experienced. Women talk of great ecstasy and bliss, of the deepest feelings of joy and love.

"It is important to realise that the pain involved is only part of the great variety of intense feelings one experiences. If one cuts out the pain, one generally cuts out, to some extent, the other feelings, too."

My first daughter was born by Caesarian section because she was the wrong way round in the womb. It was admittedly a little clinical: my consultant and I fixed the day and time at which I was going to give birth. But, numbed from the waist downwards with an epidural, I lay quite happily, with my husband beside me, while Evie was delivered in 15 minutes flat. Within seconds she was put into my arms. I could not wipe the smile off my face for days.

Yet afterwards friends met me with sympathy. Most thought I had missed out by not experiencing a vaginal birth; only one who had had two Caesarians whispered: "It is the only way to give birth." But when she later confessed that she, too, secretly regretted not having done it "properly" I started fantasising about birthing and yoga positions for the next one.

I had what you might call a vegetarian birth, with no epidural or pethidine, just a bit of gas and air. Carnivores call for an epidural to relieve the pain altogether as soon as labour begins. The real purists — the equivalent of Vegans — eschew every form of pain relief, even gas and air which most people believe has no effect on the baby. I could not have begun to cope with the contractions without it.

The pain *is* indescribable but I can tell you what it is not. It is not the sort of pain that can be tolerated, as one book recommends, by imagining that you are laying on a tropical beach with the waves lapping at your feet. And I had to laugh, if a little hollowly, on re-reading *Pregnancy and Childbirth*, by Sheila Kitzinger, another natural birth guru, afterwards: "Contractions are *not* pains. They are tightenings which may be painful, especially when they are being most effective. There is an art in approaching each new contraction thinking 'splendid! Here's another one!' and later, as you approach the end of the first stage, when they are at their biggest, 'oh, this is a really good one!' "

My experience was not abnormally bad. It lasted for 12 hours, average for a first labour. Doubtless I shall now receive letters telling me that if it hurt that much I must have been doing something wrong. Well, I am only human. I did try to relax each time the pain shot through my body. We played Mozart on the tape recorder, dimmed the lights and used aroma therapy oil. I confess that I never managed to think "splendid" but I don't suppose I am alone in that.

Amid the haze of voices, I heard someone say the word "epidural" so I nodded vigorously, hoping someone would notice and take it for assent. But by the time an anaesthetist had been tracked down and the drips set up, the baby was being born.

So I managed without. For another hour, I heaved and pushed, an experience that Mrs Kitzinger describes as "passionate, intense, thrilling and often completely irresistible and for some women it is the nearest thing to overwhelming sexual excitement".

Sorry, but no. The saddest thing for me was that when Rosa finally came out, I was so debilitated by the pain that all I could feel was a sense of despairing relief. I had been kneeling up against the raised back of the bed, and for some time I was too exhausted even to turn round and look at her. What a contrast to the elation I felt after Evie was born, when I had the most unnatural childbirth possible.

The irony is that women have fought so hard against the medical establishment to have the right to suffer pain. You might have thought they would have fought for the right to a pain-free enjoyable birth. My doctors were admirably respectful of my decision to attempt a natural birth.

Afterwards when I told my wonderful male GP I thought it had not been worth it, he replied: "I could have told you that, but you seemed so determined that I thought you should find out for yourself."

I suppose I shall remain proud that I survived the ordeal without resort to drugs, but would I not be equally proud of having banged my head against a wall for 12 hours? The question "To what end?" remains to be answered.

ROBIN MAYES



No longer labouring under illusions: Mary Anne Sieghart with Evie and her new daughter, Rosa

A chronic case of sleeping sickness

The doctors' own organisation is falling into a deep torpor

THE PATIENT sent for a rest cure on the English riviera is slowly sickening. The condition is impotence aggravated by loss of influence. The symptoms are indecision, frustration and a growing despair. The prospects for recovery look grim.

The British Medical Association, mouthpiece for the nation's doctors, has lost its way. Its annual meeting being held this week in Torquay is marked by a mood of weary resignation. Doctors are convinced that the government's NHS reforms are built on sand. But they cannot persuade anyone of their imminent collapse.

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The frustration is shared more widely in the profession. Doctors are increasingly being sidelined by reforms and complain bitterly about "bureaucratic overload".

Moulding these frustrations into a coherent strategy ought to be the chief priority for the BMA. But it is hamstrung by its outdated trade union structure.

In two days of debate it has covered 500 motions, ranging from the failings of the NHS internal market to minor whinges about the size of the fee for GP locums. The strength of the BMA's system is its democracy. But two-thirds of the "representatives" represent no one but themselves. Many of the association's 220 divisions are moribund and most draw no more than half a dozen local doctors to meetings.

The BMA urgently needs to recover its influence. Many doctors are unhappy with the NHS reforms but feel they are without a voice. There is growing hostility to managers and a dim awareness that their organisation — the National Association of Health Authorities and Trusts — is expanding its role as the BMA's dwindles.

Today, for the first time in more than a decade, the leadership of the association is being contested. Dr Jeremy Lee-Potter, the chairman whose emollient leadership style has been widely criticised, is being challenged by Dr Sandy Macara, a more vociferous critic of government policy. It is an eloquent comment on the association's current state of torpor that no one expects the outcome to change anything.

JEREMY LAURANCE



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Tampering with the bad temper gene

A geneticist thinks he has proved that some men are born angry

Fifteen years ago, a worried woman visited Dr Han Brunner, a Dutch geneticist, with an unusual problem. For generations, the men in her family had been prone to unprovoked outbursts of aggression.

In the previous 30 years, five more men in the family had developed the tendencies, one having raped his sister, then attacked a warden in a mental institution with a pitchfork; another had run over his employer with a car; two were arsonists. All were of low IQ. None of the women in the family behaved in such a way.

This month, in the *American Journal of Human Genetics*, Dr Brunner appears to have solved the mystery, and raised again the old nature versus nurture debate. Working with colleagues at the University Hospital at Nijmegen, he has found that the family possesses a mutant gene which predisposes them to irrational behaviour.

This is not the first time that a gene for aggression has been proposed, but Dr Brunner's evidence is stronger than most. While he is not suggesting that all violence is determined genetically, there may be many others who carry the faulty gene.

The fact that only men in the family were affected was the first indication as to where the gene might lie. Diseases with this pattern of inheritance are often caused by defects in the X-chromosome, of which men have only one. Women have two X-chromosomes, which means that defects in one of them can usually be masked by the other, which operates normally. But they can still pass on the faulty gene.

Even so, locating the precise position of the gene was difficult. "For ten years, it was a problem that couldn't be solved," Dr Brunner says. "We didn't have a clue." Now, many more genetic "markers" have been developed, allowing genes to be traced more easily.

These markers are short, identifiable sections of the ribbon-like DNA molecule. Like the gene, these markers are passed down from generation to generation. If you can find a marker that is inherited in the same pattern as the disease, the chances are that it lies along the DNA close to the gene responsible for that disease.

In this way, the Dutch researchers identified the gene as the one that is responsible for making the enzyme, monoamine oxidase. In fact, we have two genes for making slightly different versions of this enzyme, whose job it is to break down the brain chemicals dopamine, epinephrine, norepinephrine and serotonin.

When the affected members of the Dutch family were studied, they showed higher-than-normal amounts of these brain chemicals in their urine. Lacking the enzymes to break them down, the only way they could rid themselves of these chemicals was by excreting them.

The defect was in the gene responsible for making monoamine oxidase A, or MAOA. This struck a chord with many people who work on the biochemistry of aggression, including Dr Markku Linnoila and Dr Dennis Murphy, both of the US National Institute of Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism, Dr Murphy having predicted years ago that a defect in the MAOA gene would alter behaviour.

Without the right enzyme, the chemicals that transmit messages between the brain cells accumulate, giving the wrong signals and provoking strange behaviour. The particular neurotransmitters affected have roles in the so-called "fight or flight" response, the way an individual responds to stressful situations. If the brain is permanently "overdosed" with the neurotransmitters, then the individual might respond to stress by overreacting.

The finding also suggests possible therapies. The most obvious is the development of drugs to block the activity of the neurotransmitters. Another approach would be to prepare special diets lacking the amino acids from which the body makes the neurotransmitters. By providing less raw material, the excess build-up of the brain chemicals might be prevented.

Some geneticists are already urging caution, anxious that the finding should not be treated as a complete explanation of aggression. False conclusions in the past justify this, but there is no doubt that there will be strenuous efforts to identify the aberrant gene in other violent men.

NIGEL HAWKES

Janet Daley



■ Should we ignore the link between crime and broken homes because we feel helpless about it?

What is truth? asked Pontius Pilate and washed his hands of the matter. And such expediency is with us still. Few dilemmas dwell on the public mind more weightily than the terrifying rise in crime. But even its existence is susceptible to the "what is truth?" argument. There are those who will claim that this crime wave is a kind of statistical mirage: a function of more assiduous recording techniques, or of reworked definitions creating new criminal offences.

But, as Norman Dennis, the social scientist, pointed out at an Institute of Economic Affairs seminar this week, the definition of "robbery" — taking someone else's property by force or with the threat of force — has not changed since the turn of the century and yet, in 12 months from 1990 to 1991 its increase was two and a half times greater than the total number of cases recorded between the world wars. If this is just an example of lies, damned lies and statistics, where are the superior facts to refute it? If the truth does not lie either in the perceptions of real people frightened by the communities in which they live, or in the less subjective data offered by statistics, what does it consist of?

But, where Pontius Pilate was a cynic, those who insist now that truth is always relative because facts can always be interpreted in different ways, are more likely to be idealists. And there are few areas where idealism merges more imperceptibly with wishful thinking than in discussion of the causes of crime. The impulse to reject facts that do not fit happily with one's world view, or which might give comfort to one's political enemies, is as old as intellectual debate itself. But the kind of ideological fervour that has dominated thinking about social problems since the 1960s has put this particular human weakness into overdrive.

The same IEA seminar at which Mr Dennis proferred the statistic about robbery was also addressed by David Utting, one of the authors of a widely-publicised report, *Crime and the Family*, released this week. That report, published by the Family Policy Studies Centre, comes down on one side of a particularly contentious debate about juvenile crime. That is, it claims that no conclusive evidence exists to show that single parent families are more likely to produce young criminals than two parent ones, it being simply an unproven presumption that a rising divorce rate and the increasing numbers of unmarried mothers have a direct link with increased crime.

Mr Utting's report relies on some British and American studies, which suggest that the harmful effects of family break-up are more to do with the discord that surrounds separation than with the broken home itself and it goes on to say that an unhappy home with two parents is not preferable to a "broken" one that is tranquil and loving. In the United States, the report claims, crime has proved no more common among children of affectionate lone parents than among those from secure two-parent families. But this account flies directly in the face of evidence set out in a devastating article ("Dan Quayle Was Right") in the April issue of *Atlantic Monthly*, a magazine regarded as a pillar of American liberalism.

In it, Barbara Defoe Whitehead argues that there is now overwhelming evidence of the link between single parenting and crime in the US. More than 70 per cent of all juveniles in state reform institutions come from fatherless homes. So strong is the relationship between crime and one parent families that this factor alone "erases the relationship between race and crime and between low income and crime". And this in the US, where both the effect of race and disparities in income are very dramatic indeed.

> Either side may be using selective evidence

As laymen, we may be at the mercy of such apparently conflicting charges. Either side may be using selective evidence: either of them may be loading the dice, or simply succumbing to faulty statistical technique. But there is one standard that even an outsider to this opaque dispute may judge. That is, which side is leaning more toward the "what is truth" apologia? *Crime and the Family* clearly presents itself as a practical tool, a guide that will be of some real use on the ground in preventing delinquency. To that end, it recommends remedial parenting education, training for family life in secondary school, child care provision for working parents, and so on.

In setting out this programme, it explicitly avoids observations which would have the effect of stigmatising any of the categories of people with whom it is concerned. When confronted with the contradictory material from *Atlantic Monthly*, Mr Utting commented that he *could see no point* in stressing the link between crime and single parenthood because to do so was futile. "Are you going to outlaw divorce?" he asked.

So should we ignore what may be true because it seems impractical to do anything about it? More important, if we approach a problem determined to avoid any conclusions that may be hurtful (or, in the jargon, "judgmental"), are we ever likely to achieve anything other than self-delusion?

Philip Howard will appear tomorrow



Winding up Europe plc

Shareholders in the EC must take urgent action or face liquidation

William Rees-Mogg

At considerable expense, I have commissioned a report on the situation and prospects of EC plc from a leading firm of investment analysts. The firm I have used, GDAM (Gloom and Doom Asset Management), has considerable experience of work on large, bureaucratic and unsuccessful conglomerates, and is regarded as the best in its field. This is a summary of its report.

History and Structure: EC plc is a conglomerate formed to take over the assets of Deutschland plc, chairman and managing director, A Hitler, which went into liquidation in 1945. The merger took place in 1957, following the Messina Conference and the Treaty of Rome. At that time there were six operating subsidiaries, a number which has since been increased to 12, eight of which were assets of Deutschland plc.

Deutschland plc had a strong, vertical system of management, known at the time as Führer-prinzip. The chairman was an extremely active entrepreneur. Following his appointment to the chair of Deutschland in 1933, he acquired some 20 subsidiaries in a period of ten years, a greater number than EC plc has acquired in nearly 40 years. He worked on the principle of the contested takeover. EC plc has expanded through agreed mergers, usually regarded as a strength.

Deutschland plc was a company with a simple pyramid structure and clear lines of authority. Because of the complexity of the merger process, EC plc has a multiple structure. Management control belongs, for different purposes, to the boards of the subsidiaries, to the council of directors, which is drawn from those boards, and to the commission, which is the head office, located in Brussels. Further powers belong to the European Parliament and to the European Court and others may be granted under the Maastricht Treaty to the European central bank. This structure reflects the voluntary character of the association, but must be regarded as a weakness, since it is neither clear nor responsive to the shareholders. It is very bureaucratic.

Business: EC plc has taken over responsibility for the business operations of all it subsidiaries. Particular attention is given to its role in agriculture, which is usually regarded as unsatisfactory. It has responsibility for all external trade relations and for ensuring that the subsidiaries can trade freely with each other. The extension of free trade has produced real benefits, which continue.

Neither the present level of trade nor the outlook is satisfactory. Traditionally, the main engine of EC plc has been its German subsidiary. The German assets disposed of in 1945 to SU plc (then under the management of J Stalin) have been repurchased on the liquidation of that group. That purchase has caused the German subsidiary serious problems which have not yet been resolved. In addition, the main lines of German industry, including chemicals, steel, automobiles and machine tools, have too high costs and are overmanned.

The main exports of Germany, which used to have a large balance of trade surplus, are of goods that belong to technologies already in existence before 1914. EC has been slow to develop manufacturing strength in the new post-1945 technologies of electronics, genetic engineering and so on. Britain has retained valuable service industries, particularly in the financial field. EC plc has limited raw material resources, the most important of which is North Sea oil and gas.

Employment: There are more than 300 million high quality people in the operational areas of the EC subsidiaries. Of these, approaching 20 million, or nearly 12 per cent of the workforce, are unemployed. This figure is expected to increase for the next 18 months to two years. Unemployment is considerably higher than the 6.75 per cent of the United States, or the 2.5 per cent of Japan. Total output is expected to fall in 1993.

Overheads: EC plc has been designed on a bureaucratic and high overhead model, despite low productivity in the public sector. Overheads average about 50 per cent of gross product, compared with much lower figures for competing companies. US plc has overheads of 35.4 per cent, Japan plc has 32.2 per cent and Hong Kong plc about 18 per cent. The high costs of unemployment have added to the overheads of EC, and the highly regulated and bureaucratic nature of the system adds to industrial costs.

Competitiveness: EC plc is one of five conglomerate companies, all competing with each other in world markets. SU plc is in liquidation, but may be expected to resume effective trading at some point in this decade. When it does so, in whatever new businesses, it will have a low cost base, with labour costs of 10 to 20 per cent of EC.

EC's three important competitors are US plc, Japan plc and China plc, with its associated Asian companies. China plc, despite a record budget deficit, is in much the strongest competitive position. Growth rate is about 8 per cent, compared with falling turnover in EC. Labour costs range down to 1 per cent of EC costs (German employment costs in China versus employment costs in Germany). The China-Asia population is some 1.7 billion, excluding India, or 2.5 billion if India is included. The industrial advantage is likely to persist for 50 years, and the acute transition phase will probably last for 25 years.

However, the competitive advantages of Japan and US are also important. Japan plc has a current profit on external trade of $150 billion. US plc, though less competitive than Japan and much less competitive than China, has marked advantages over EC. US has retained world leadership in advanced technologies. A comparison of labour costs is even more disturbing.

In 1992, West German labour costs were $31.36 an hour, and West German productivity was about 20 per cent higher than the European average. US labour costs were $19.53 an hour, and US productivity was about 40 per cent higher than the European average. West Germany was charging 60 per cent more per hour for labour which was producing 15 per cent less than the American.

Finance: Only one of the subsidiaries — the smallest — meets the financial standards that EC plc set for itself at Maastricht. Seven of the 12 subsidiaries have deficits and total public debt outside the limits. Three of the subsidiaries, Belgium, Italy and Greece, have debt equal to more than one year's product — which must be regarded as a major danger signal. Three of the subsidiaries, Britain, Italy and Greece, have current deficits of more than 8 per cent of product, another danger signal.

Management: The management structure, as explained earlier, makes it almost impossible to manage EC plc effectively. The quality of management in the individual subsidiaries is disappointing. The best is to be found in the French subsidiary, where a new managing director, Edouard Balladur, has recently been appointed. He is taking steps to improve the finances of that subsidiary, and is providing some genuine leadership. However, even there, an aging chairman needs to be replaced at the earliest opportunity. The German subsidiary has a managing director who has plainly been in office too long. The British subsidiary has appointed a new finance director who shows presentational skills but seems to have little sense of the critical state of Britain's finances. The Italian subsidiary is undergoing a reconstruction whose results cannot yet be known. In general, the managers seem weak, though that is also true for competitors.

Outlook: EC plc is at present a sell situation in investment terms. Costs are too high, the overheads are too great, the competitive position is too weak, the management is too poor, unemployment is rising too fast. In addition the product mix is looking distinctly old-fashioned, and there is great resistance to change. Investors would choose China and Asia first, Japan second, US third and EC fourth.

There are some measures EC plc should take as a matter of urgency. Interest rates should be lowered, to reduce unemployment and the overvaluation of currencies. Management of head office and most subsidiaries should be changed. Overheads should be cut ruthlessly, and so should regulations. Shareholders should be fully informed about the alarming state of their company. All operations that are irrelevant to improving competitiveness should be dropped. Even with these measure the adjustment to Asian development will be difficult; without them the future viability of EC plc must be in serious doubt.

Fraud cases on trial

Can we learn from America, asks **Michael Levi**

It was the recommendation to abolish trial by jury, rather than any of the issues that Michael Mates has so dramatically raised, that caused most controversy when the Roskill Report — which gave rise to the Serious Fraud Office — was published in 1986. It was argued then that we were *not* vigorous enough on fraud, and that the defence would have to co-operate more with the prosecution. Yet five years after the SFO was established, the Asil Nadir case is but the latest in which the propriety and competence of the new regime has been questioned.

What was thought so special about serious fraud that a different set of investigative powers were required to deal with it? First, major fraud cases usually entail large amounts of documentation, the examination of which inevitably takes a long time, and access to which has to be kept secure.

If a company has already gone bust, the seizure of documents may be a minor issue but if, as in Polly Peck, it is still actively trading (or seeking to), seizures generate huge inconvenience. But who would agree that executives suspected of serious fraud — which might well continue if they are left alone — should be immune from such searches and seizures? Criticisms of the trade department and other regulators for slow intervention were key complaints in Barlow Clowes and Maxwell: the problem is balancing competing public and private interests.

Second, unlike some crime suspects, white collar suspects are intelligent and robust enough to stand up to tough questioning from SFO lawyers and accountants. And last, the length and complexity of fraud trials was felt to justify requiring the defence to respond to the prosecution's case outline before the trial.

In reality, the distinction between serious fraud and other criminal cases is much looser. Many question why suspected killers are not required to answer questions, while fraud suspects must bare their souls to the SFO lawyers and accountants. And some people, such as Peter Clowes and Kevin Maxwell, though not Mr Nadir, have attracted so much public and media distaste that — intelligent though they may be — it is legitimate to be concerned about whether the authorities would go too far "to get them". Curiously, most of the allegations made by Mr Mates in relation to the handling of Polly Peck — leaks to the media, tampering with documents, and "judge nobbling" — could just as easily have happened if Mr Nadir had been dealt with by the Director of Public Prosecutions, pre-SFO or under the present regime.

So where should we go from here, and can we learn anything from the experience of other jurisdictions? Increased accountability of the SFO is a vague notion, and carries with it dangers. What if the case against Mr Nadir had been dropped on the advice of the Attorney-General? Given what we now know about Mr Nadir's donations, who would have believed that this was a legal rather than a party political decision?

The constitutional independence of law officers is vital, though general guidelines on priorities may reasonably be made by parliament. Indeed, the SFO could be expanded and take on more cases from the CPS.

The Americans have had some successes against fraud, but this is partly because the prosecutors are given discretion to plea bargain, and suspects are persuaded to trade in their colleagues in exchange for reductions in time spent in "Club Fed".

The US Securities and Exchange Commission does deal with some major fraud allegations and imposes severe financial and administrative penalties, and the recent review of the Securities and Investments Board might move us towards that, enabling regulators to deal with a few cases presently prosecuted by the SFO. But though it is always possible that prosecutors may distort the case, the main risks to the accused arise from popular prejudice, from inadequate opportunity to examine documents potentially relevant to their defence, and from witnesses who, in exculpating themselves, may incorrectly inculpate the accused.

The principle that defendants are required to furnish the information which will incriminate them does smack of the Star Chamber. But the defence may be required to do more before the trial than simply to deny that they were acting dishonestly, in order to shorten and focus the trial issues and minimise inconvenience to the jury.

Meanwhile, prosecutors will have to be prepared to leave some matters uninvestigated if we are to get these cases to trial speedily. It is partly a question of money: those who complain about the cost of our system should note that in 1989 the Americans agreed to spend an extra $225 million on prosecuting the Savings and Loans frauds that deregulation had failed to prevent.

● The author is professor of criminology at the University of Wales, College of Cardiff, and author of the Royal Commission on Criminal Justice study on the investigation, prosecution and trial of serious fraud.

Speaker's solace

BATTLING Betty Boothroyd will doubtless be looking forward to a summer recess of rest and recuperation after her run-in with Michael Mates. But surely she could have chosen a destination where it would have been easier to forget Mates and the Nadir affair.

Boothroyd is off to southern Cyprus to stay at the five star Coral Beach Hotel in Paphos — all expenses paid. The hotel is inviting her as a guest of honour for its official opening on September 18. "We're drawing up the guest list now, but she will probably cut the ribbon," says Paul Kyriacou, the hotel's general manager. "People will see we have guests of high calibre and that's the image we want." Kyriacou says her stay will be "of course, free" and "we're trying to see if Cyprus Airways can help with complimentary tickets".

It will not be the first time that Boothroyd has holidayed in southern Cyprus, while Nadir has been in the Turkish-run north. She was last in Cyprus at the beginning of last month, when she also stayed at the Coral Beach Hotel. Kyriacou refuses to say, however, whether that visit was paid for by the hotel's owner, Michael Leptos, a leading property developer. The *Cyprus Sun*, an English language paper which appears for the first time today, says that Boothroyd will be "taking a well earned rest from trying to keep unruly MPs in check".

Boothroyd's office confirmed yesterday that she was returning and had booked the trip: "She has been going to Cyprus, Greek Cyprus that is, for years. She has been a friend of the owner for a long time and as a gesture she has agreed to open it for him. She is looking forward to it very much." But as for who was paying, her office would not be drawn. "The Speaker's holiday arrangements are private."

Keele hauled

NO wonder Betty Boothroyd seemed so ill at ease in her handling of the Mates speech. Her most trusted adviser, Sir Clifford Boulton, normally one of the three wise men in wigs seated beneath the Speaker's chair, was absent from the proceedings.

Boulton, the clerk of the Commons since 1987 and responsible for the smooth running of Commons debates and committee proceedings, is the Speaker's most important adviser. When Boothroyd had to decide whether to allow a vote on a key Maastricht amendment last month, it was Boulton she turned to for advice. Yesterday, however, when she clearly could have done with his counsel, he was unavoidably elsewhere — at Keele University receiving an honorary degree.

● Fate was not kind to Terrance Dicks, who chose yesterday, of all days, to launch his new book. Uproar in the House, *in the House of Commons. Because of the considerable uproar going on elsewhere, there was not an MP in sight when the launch party got under way just a few minutes after Mates eventually sat down. Dick spent a year researching the book, which charts 700 years of parliamentary scandal and intrigue, but confesses to having been caught out by the recent run of events. "It's hard to believe that since I finished writing this we have had the David Mellor affair. Then Norman Lamont was kicked out, and his dramatic resignation speech. And now this," says Dicks. "It is impossible to keep up with this place."*

Heritage on show

THE PUBLIC was afforded an unusual glimpse last weekend of a small corner of England's heritage, which is usually enjoyed only in private by Jocelyn Stevens. The chairman of English Heritage, so unsparing in his criticism of the way historical monuments have been presented to the public, bravely decided to show how it should be done. He opened the stately gardens of Testbourne, his home in Hampshire, to the masses in a fund-raising venture for the St John Ambulance Brigade.

More than 100 people traipsed over his impressive lawns to gawp at the herbaceous borders and rose gardens, says Lady Macready, of the brigade, who helped organise the event: "It's a beautiful garden with the river Test running through it, and there is a lovely river walk."

Nor was the irascible Stevens alone this weekend in throwing open his gates. Lady Annabel Goldsmith, wife of the environmental tycoon, Sir James, was flaunting her own impressive horticultural habitat on Sunday at Ormeley Lodge near Richmond upon Thames. In the heat of the day, guests gazed longingly at one of the star exhibits — a very large swimming pool.

Change of scenery

GLYNDEBOURNE with bulldozers is clearly not the place to be. On Tuesday evening, Sir George and Lady Christie, owners of the Sussex opera house, currently undergoing a £33 million rebuilding programme, ventured out of the rubble and spent the evening listening to opera at Garsington Manor, a country-house near Oxford.

Leonard Ingrams, Garsington's owner, clearly relished welcoming the Christies to a performance of Haydn's *L'Infedelità Delusa*. He says: "It was the first time they had been this year and I think they enjoyed themselves. I can't say we gave them any lessons, though. They don't need any from us — we're only five years old. They started in the 1930s."

Lady Christie found the evening "most enjoyable. Although the roof is on the theatre now we are still under rubble. It's the first summer we've ever had off — next month we're off to Santa Fe."



● Here's one deficit that Kenneth Clarke can be expected to tackle with relish. Last month's annual report from his beloved club, the Garrick, contained a progress report on the £1.5 million refurbishment programme, which has already prompted a 5 per cent increase in the club's subscriptions (currently £750) and its food, wine and bar prices. Members are being urged to do their bit "eating and drinking [their] way out of overdraft". A model for his November budget, perhaps?

BACKWARDS TO BELGIUM

The new EC President needs new thinking too

No sooner have the EC's leaders returned from the Copenhagen summit and some realistic debate on Europe's economies, than the next event in the Brussels calendar threatens to put the clock back again. Today Denmark hands the presidency of the EC to Belgium. The chair of every Community committee and council, from summits to working parties on beekeeping regulations, passes from Danish ministers unsurpassed in their wariness of Brussels to the unflagging federalists of Belgium.

Battered believers in European unification hope that they are passing from darkness to light, although the Maastricht treaty lies still unratified by Britain and Germany. The rigour of the German constitutional court case which opens in Karlsruhe today will ensure that no verdict comes before September. Chancellor Kohl may suffer the embarrassment of being the last to ratify the treaty that he did so much to create. His difficulties are richly deserved, since he has denied Germans the full-scale debate that a referendum would have generated.

The Belgians, however, hope that the Maastricht treaty will restore the momentum of European unification. This is a false hope. Even before the treaty has enjoyed a single day in operation, the very phrase "European Union" rings hollow and hypocritical. The only time at which the EC's governments put the interests of a united stand over common sense was when they submitted to German blackmail over the recognition of Slovenia and Croatia, and helped trigger war in Bosnia. Once that war was raging there was no unity anywhere to be found. The common ground between Europe's diverging economies is shrinking. Any shared values in the world trade talks are elusive and becoming more so.

Eighteen months of long-overdue debate since the treaty was agreed have revealed that Europe's citizens no longer accept the obsession of Chancellor Kohl and President Mitterrand with a deadline for a single currency, a European army and laying foundations for a European federation. By the time the treaty's negotiations had even begun, the Franco-German agenda had been overtaken by a new order of priorities. The reconstruction of the ex-communist states to the east, the threats to the world trading system, and the reconstruction of the Atlantic alliance dwarf the pettifogging details of the European Parliament's "hierarchy of norms" or the small print of "European citizenship".

Belgium's ministers are trapped in a time capsule, talking the language of yesterday. The slow agony of ratification, they imply, was just a bad dream. They will draft new rules so that people can vote anywhere in the EC in local and European elections. They will seek unenforceable guidelines for the "convergence" of Europe's economies. Under the skirts of the 11-country "social protocol" they will plan directives requiring multi-national companies to set up pan-European works councils.

The Belgian presidency aims to make the outbreak of common sense at Copenhagen look like an illusion created to soothe Mr Major's restless backbenchers. But European politics have not stood still while states and peoples haggled over Maastricht. The Community's new helmsmen should hurry to find new words to fit new realities.

FAT BLUE LINE

Only reform can revive public confidence in the police

Between 1979 and 1991 the taxpayer funded a 74 per cent real increase in spending on the police. During the same period police strength grew by over 15 per cent, recorded crime has risen to unprecedented levels and public confidence in the service has declined. Understandably, taxpayers want to know whether they are getting value for money.

Sceptics of police effectiveness have pointed out that in New York during the 1970s a 20 per cent reduction in police manpower had no impact on the crime rate. They judge its British counterparts accordingly. Others more kindly disposed to the service argue that the police in the 1980s should have been rewarded all the more for cleaning up the mess left by their political masters, the social dislocations of the miners' dispute and city riots.

Both views are, of course, exaggerated. It would be unfair to judge police performance according to notoriously unreliable crime statistics. But, of all the public services, the police were the least affected by Mrs Thatcher's radical re-examination of the state. Sir Patrick Sheehy's report, coupled with Tuesday's white paper on police reorganisation, constitute an overdue blueprint for change.

Sir Patrick's recommendation of a fixed-term contract to replace the present anomalous guarantee of a job for life is especially welcome. "We are concerned that there has been a tendency on occasion to claim special status for police officers when this is not justified," he argues powerfully. "It is of the utmost importance, particularly at this level, that police service is seen as a service rather than a 'race' apart." New recruits will, therefore, sign on for 10 years, with subsequent contracts lasting five years.

Police pay too has been set by the ancient system of "Buggins's turn". Recognition too often comes with length of service rather than competence. Sir Patrick backs merit money on the basis of experience, hardship, and performance. In short, keeping the peace in inner city Moss Side will earn higher pay than holding the thin blue line in leafy suburbia.

It will take surefooted management to introduce the proposals outlined in the report. The job of chief constable, in particular, is going to be considerably enlarged. If reforms based on performance related targets are to be implemented, the relationship betwen the chief constable and the new supposedly independent police authorities will prove crucial.

If the authorities become mere Whitehall mouthpieces, then chief constables risk becoming slaves of Whitehall. The Home Office could indirectly set unrealistic targets for performance but evade direct accountability for police failures. There is a danger that these proposals, if ham-fistedly implemented, will give Britain neither the merits of a national police service nor those of fully decentralised police forces. They may replicate the worst failings of both.

It does not take much imagination to realise, for instance, that without tough supervision a system of pay-rises related to clear-up rates will be open to abuse. If it is easier to convict a traffic offender than a burglar, will police resources be weighted correctly under the new system? The reforms will have to demonstrate they can produce real savings, show real accountability, reduce rather than expand bureaucracy. Success, when it comes, will be measured by a growth in public confidence.

LOOK TO THE LONDON RIVER

The Thames can be more than a conduit conveying dirty water

The London Rivers Association proposes restoring the Thames to its former glory by making it the first urban national park in Britain. Conservationists have been wanting to do something about the Thames since the middle ages. But they need to work with the grain of the history that has built London around its river in a lop-sided urban pattern.

For the foreseeable future, London is going to be a working and commuting megalopolis; and until the war the Thames was always a working river. Where there's brass, there's mud and congestion. Bridging such a big tidal river presents a harder problem than the Seine or the waterways of Stockholm. This, not the shops or the traitors' heads, is why for centuries London Bridge was a wonder of the world, and why London grew up on the north bank, with the south bank reserved for brothels, bear-baiting, actors and other riff-raff.

By the time the Thames could be bridged at more than one place, the great and state buildings of London had all been built on the north bank. The south was left for commuterland, with inadequate public transport and congested river crossings. The great vistas of the Thames, recorded by artists from Wenceslas Hollar and Canaletto to Monet, are all of the north bank.

Much remains to do to turn back the face of London towards its river. A generation of war damage, dereliction and negligent planning is being gradually undone to replace the decaying warehouses and brutalist office blocks that turn their tradesmen's entrances towards the Thames. London's transport used to run on the oars of its boatmen, before the arrival of wheels. River bus and taxi are still the most attractive way to travel across London; but they are expensive and so have difficulty remaining profitable. More people would use them if river transport were integrated with the rest of the transport network, so that river passengers found some connection when they stepped ashore — or at least some indication of where to find a connection.

Even Father Thames is too small ever to become the main artery for the container ships of modern trade, but more care for recreation and the look of things should be taken along the banks of the Thames. The new developers and their architects must recognise the river as an asset, not wasted space. Amsterdam shows how an industrial city can still make the most of its waterways. The London Rivers Association sends the right message, even if it gets into deep water in places, such as when it recommends opening up the 52 lost rivers of London, or the exercise of swimming in the Tideway.

Their rivers and water-fronts are the particular glories of Paris and Sydney, Moscow and Manhattan, and water-queen of them all, Venice, which does for canals what troglodytes did for speleology. The Thames should be more than a inconvenient conduit conveying dirty water backwards and forwards through the city, and a barrier obstructing commuters trying to cross it. As a working not just a tourist city, London can never quite become Venice on Thames. But the neglected glories of London River rather than an obsolescent double-decker red bus or changing the guard, or Victorian Gothic clock tower ought to be London's defining image. And after two centuries of neglect, Londoners are at last recognising this, and paying attention to their river again.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Basic 'sickness' in state of ITV

From Mr Peter Mandelson, MP for Hartlepool (Labour)

Sir, I am very glad that the chairman of the Independent Television Commission has acted so promptly in response to the views expressed by the prime minister (report, June 30), the leader of the Opposition and all the MPs who have signed my early day motion opposing what would be the effective axeing of *News at Ten* by moving it to an earlier time slot.

It would be a mistake, however, for politicians of any party to believe that winning the day over *News at Ten* will be victory enough for those who care about the future of ITV. The threat to *News at Ten* was a symptom of a sickness in the ITV system created by the Broadcasting Act 1990. The time is right for this legislation to be reviewed carefully, so that ITV can compete on a proper basis in future without sacrificing programmes of the quality of *News at Ten*.

It is no good politicians simply screaming at ITV for putting audience ratings before programming or placing commercial considerations above public service. That is precisely the effect of the Broadcasting Act, predicted by many at the time.

Having created intolerable financial pressures through the highest-bid auctioning of franchises and unbalanced regulation in relation to both satellite television and Channel 4, the government is exposing ITV to unfair competition at home and risk of takeover from abroad when the present moratorium against such moves expires.

ITV chiefs have a good case for different treatment. They have lost public and political good will by their actions over *News at Ten*. They should now lift that axe and concentrate instead on remedying the fundamental malady that afflicts the ITV system.

Yours faithfully,
PETER MANDELSON,
House of Commons.
June 30.

From Mr Simon Palmer

Sir, You report today "a public outcry" against the proposal to move *News at Ten* to an earlier programme slot. I suspect that the great viewing public is largely indifferent to programme moves but that on balance it would make more sense to screen the main news at 8pm and a news update at 10.30pm, thus enabling viewers to enjoy a relatively uninterrupted viewing of a film or full-scale production in the interim.

Yours faithfully,
SIMON PALMER,
Elton Wells Ltd
(Advertising-marketing),
7a Langley Street, WC2.
June 30.

Slap of the tongue

From Miss S. E. Mulholland

Sir, As a further proper-name neologism (letters, June 25, 29) a useful and time-saving euphemism in current political language might be "to major", meaning to act indecisively, trying to minimise commitment; to indulge habitually in the practice of U-turns; or, in the simplest terms, to say one thing and do another.

Yours sincerely,
S. MULHOLLAND,
39 Private Road,
Sherwood, Nottingham.

Manchester's year

From Mr Raymond Farrell

Sir, Judge Elliot Knopf (letter, June 30) referred to 1993 being Manchester's year. He could have added Manchester United's success as the first Premier League champions and the creation of the British Association for Sport and Law, based at the Manchester Metropolitan University.

The association has already attracted membership from all over the UK and is the most exciting development both for lawyers and for anyone else interested in the welfare of sport for many a long year. Under the presidency of Edward Grayson, who is London-based but with an affection for Manchester, it is poised to become a major force in the sports law world.

Yours faithfully,
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British Association for Sport and Law,
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June 30.

Old habits

From Mrs Phyllida Previté

Sir, Although Mr Abel-Smith (letter, June 26) sees no need for the warning, *défense de cracher*, in the Underground, could we not have a multilingual notice to that effect on the centre court at Wimbledon?

Yours faithfully,
PHYLLIDA PREVITÉ.
The Wilderness,
Barge Walk, Hampton Wick,
Kingston-upon-Thames, Surrey.
June 28.

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Priorities and nationality in Europe

From Mr Jack Butler

Sir, The feeble attempts by Delors and his minions, as summarised in your excellent report (June 23), to rearrange the deckchairs on the European *Titanic* beggars belief.

Surely what is needed from Europe's leaders today is clear:

Give priority to employment and growth, with all other priorities subordinated to these ends.

Call an immediate halt to any law-making that threatens to render the EC even more uncompetitive in world markets.

Ensure a rapid resolution of the Gatt impasse.

Provide any future aid, both internal and external, in the form of low-interest loans, with rates adjustable retrospectively, conditional on the achievement of specific economic, political and social aims laid down in the loan agreements.

Abandon the target of a single currency based on artificial convergence criteria, accepting instead that it should be allowed to evolve as a by-product of other more pragmatic EC policies.

Let Britain take the leadership in such an initiative. Europe's people, give or take a few minority vested interests, would stand behind it, and the devil take the Berlaymont.

Yours faithfully,
JACK BUTLER,
84 Park Road, Southport, Merseyside.
June 23.

From Lord Inglewood, MEP for Cumbria and Lancashire North (European Democrat (Conservative))

Sir, That well-known anti-Maastricht campaigner Michael Shrimpton ingeniously sidesteps the real issue ("Maastricht is an unconditional revolution", June 26) because, in my view, if the House of Lords does defy the House of Commons over the Maastricht bill politically that will precipitate a constitutional clash.

Needless to say, that is not the right reason for supporting the bill. The right reason is because it is in the best interests of Britain, and Britain's citizens, to do so.

Yours faithfully,
INGLEWOOD,
Hutton-in-the-Forest,
Penrith, Cumbria.
June 28.

From Lord Butterfield

Sir, The House of Lords debate in committee on June 22 on the first amendments to the European Communities (Amendment) Bill centred on whether or not to establish a citizenship common to the Union in addition to the present ones — for us, our British nationality.

Listening, I could not help musing how similar principles must have been discussed over the centuries in those "little universes" — the collegiate universities. There, there is no difficulty these days about having membership of, and loyalty to, one's college, which is essential to join the university, and membership of the university, for degrees (or games).

Apparently, noble lords sitting around me, usually in silence, came to a similar sort of conclusion that these two concepts were compatible: their vote was 242 to 48.

Yours faithfully,
BUTTERFIELD,
House of Lords.
June 23.

Holocaust denial

From Mr Tom Baistow

Sir, Having, as a soldier, been in at the liberation of Belsen in 1945, I can testify personally to the horror of the Holocaust ("Compounding the evil", June 25).

The obscene evidence of mounds of emaciated corpses and dazed walking skeletons unable to comprehend the reality of British troops offering food and clothing remains to haunt the memory of the diminishing number of those who saw first-hand what was, after all, just one of the Nazi concentration camps.

I therefore share Bernard Levin's anxiety that the inevitable blurring effects of time will reduce the most evil organised mass crime to just another entry in our descendants' already truncated history books. That is, if we let it.

There is still a huge archive of filmed evidence, unlike the meagre flickering footage of the first world war. I suggest that all concentration camp film be edited as a definitive record and shown on television once a year on, say, a chosen Holocaust Memorial Day, for future generations, lest they forget.

Yours faithfully,
TOM BAISTOW,
Savile Club, 69 Brook Street, W1.
June 25.

From Mrs Jennifer Wingate

Sir, Bernard Levin, in his excellent article, raised the question of whether the history of the Holocaust is taught in schools.

Until now the policy of individual schools and/or teachers has decided whether the topic is raised at all and, if so, how much instruction is given within the context of either the history curriculum covering the second world war or religious studies. Some schools have taken the initiative by introducing a teaching programme and inviting speakers, including Holocaust survivors.

Now, at long last, Holocaust education is included as a mandatory section in the history curriculum for key stage 3 — for pupils aged 11 to 14. The material available includes many historical works, among them Martin Gilbert's definitive and authoritative *The Holocaust: the Jewish Tragedy*, contemporary documentation and film and a newly prepared teachers' pack to be produced by the British Library National Sound Archive. This contains four cassettes of excerpts taken from interviews carried out by the National Life Story Collection — part of the library — with survivors and refugees. Also included are teachers' notes, photographs and points for discussion.

All involved with recording the Holocaust, whether oral or documented, are deeply aware of the importance of Holocaust education for the post-war generations, to whom the subject is history book material and not current affairs. Its importance goes beyond its primary purpose as parallels can be drawn with what is happening now in Europe.

Its vital aim, however, is to bring the combined forces of evidence and reason to counteract the poison of Holocaust denial.

Yours faithfully,
JENNIFER WINGATE
(Associate director,
National Life Story Collection),
10 Park Village West, NW1.

Greek and Turk

From Sir Horace Phillips

Sir, As British ambassador to Turkey at the time I had close knowledge of the events leading up to the Turkish military intervention in Cyprus in 1974. This was not the consequence of the Greek Cypriot reduction of the Turkish Cypriots to second-class citizens (Professor Murray Forsyth's letter, June 30): indeed, the Turkish prime minister told me that political pressure in Ankara in earlier years for force to be used to restore Turkish Cypriot rights had been ruled out in favour of continuing diplomatic negotiation. In this connection the US president, Lyndon Johnson, had given Turkey a warning in 1964.

The direct reason for the intervention in 1984 was the imminent threat of takeover of the island by Greece — the way for this paved by the overthrow of President Makarios — by the military junta in Athens. But naturally the intervention provided an opportunity to relieve the pressure on the Turkish Cypriots.

It was, as Professor Forsyth says, an operation conducted with scrupulous regard to legality in terms of the 1960 treaty of independence of Cyprus. Although the Turkish prime minister knew from me that the answer to his appeal for British support under the treaty was likely to be in the negative, he stuck to the letter of it and made a 24-hour dash to London. There my prediction was confirmed.

But he understood the British attitude: we did not want to get into the ring as a third Nato member between two already in conflict, and we had several thousand servicemen and their families in the two British sovereign bases on the island who might be at risk of Greek retaliation. So Turkey acted on its own, as entitled to under the treaty.

The ensuing on-going dispute has inevitably involved Greece and Turkey as closely as it has the two communities in Cyprus. But it is the subject of continuing, if sporadic, diplomatic negotiations. And Britain, as a friend and ally of both parties, certainly encourages these.

Yours faithfully,
HORACE PHILLIPS,
(Ambassador to Turkey, 1973-7),
34a Sheridan Road, SW19.
June 30.

Pulpit policies

From Mr R. C. Sopwith

Sir, Mr Robert Cowan (letter, June 24) writes that he is dissatisfied with "the leader of *my* Church" (my italics).

May I direct him to the leader of the Church, who had a great deal more to say about things regarded as outside His competence, as a mere carpenter, country preacher and healer. We human servants of His easily become indignant and the Archbishop is no exception.

I have no idea how much of George Carey's time and energy is spent on calling sinners to repentance and showing that the head of the Church, not himself, forgives the penitent.

However, I am sure as one who is facing early retirement myself, with probably better options than my brethren in the coal mines, that the anxieties caused by the ending of a career are worthy of consideration by the warm heart of Canterbury quite as much as by the politicians and leaders of enterprises agonising over these decisions.

Yours faithfully,
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Wellington College,
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June 24.

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Mates's statement to the Commons

From Sir Terence Higgins, MP for Worthing (Conservative)

Sir, Matthew Parris is second to none as a commentator on what is happening on the floor of the House of Commons. But in his front-page political sketch today he misinterprets my reaction to the confrontation between Madam Speaker and Mr Michael Mates when he says: "Sir Terence Higgins . . . seemed almost to be mouthing 'Stop him!' at the Chair." I said nothing.

I was, however, concerned at the situation which developed and I think it is important to avoid anything similar happening in the future. Because the practice of the House is not to permit personal statements to be subject to intervention and debate, the precise text is normally agreed with the Speaker in advance. But this is not so in the case of an ex-minister wishing to explain the circumstances in which he resigned, according to Erskine May.

I think it is now clear that this relaxation of the general rule is unfortunate and we should revert to the original practice, so that the texts of all personal statements are agreed by the Chair and any difficulties, particularly relating to the application of the *sub judice* rule, are cleared in advance of any statement being made.

Yours sincerely,
TERENCE HIGGINS,
House of Commons.
June 30.

From Mr Graham Wistow

Sir, Without condoning Mr Nadir's action in jumping bail, if Mr Mates's allegations prove to have some foundation, then even the most impartial observer would probably understand why Mr Nadir took that option. When a former minister makes such allegations against the Serious Fraud Office, those allegations deserve better treatment than they have so far received from this government.

Yours faithfully,
GRAHAM WISTOW,
65 Heather Road, Meltham,
Huddersfield, West Yorkshire.
June 30.

Food for thought

From Mrs M. Y. Murray

Sir, I was concerned by the slur on the financial acumen of gerbils (letter, June 29). Our pair had a classical education. They "chewed and digested" the works of Aristotle and Marcus Aurelius with pleasure.

No doubt they could have achieved enormous financial success if they had been fed instead on a diet of Keynes and old building society pass books.

Yours faithfully,
M. Y. MURRAY,
Standalane House,
Kincardine-on-Forth, Fife.
June 30.

Seasonal errors

From Mrs Rita McDonald Pook

Sir, Mrs Gill Baron (letter, June 26) finds that no sooner has she bought a garden seat than the summer turns miserable. When she buys a snow shovel the winter proves a mild one; a downpour follows hard on the heels of her purchase of an awning. What should she buy next, she asks.

Working on the same theory, I've just bought a rain hat. Alas, it hasn't worked yet. Here in Kirkcudbrightshire it's still raining.

Yours faithfully,
RITA POOK,
5 Dundeugh Village,
Castle Douglas, Kirkcudbrightshire.
June 26.

From Mr Steve Tarrant

Sir, May I suggest that Mrs Baron acquires a piece of seaweed? If it doesn't improve her weather forecasting, she can at least avoid wasting her money by cooking it and eating it.

Yours faithfully,
STEVE TARRANT,
Moneypot Hill Farm,
Redgrave, Diss, Norfolk.
June 27.

From Mr Peter Botterill

Sir, Retail price index-linked investments, please.

Yours faithfully,
PETER BOTTERILL,
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Bournemouth, Dorset.

From Mr Peter May

Sir, A coffin, perhaps?

Yours faithfully,
PETER MAY,
43 Freston, Paston,
Peterborough, Cambridgeshire.

From Mr Allan W. Beardsworth

Sir, Mrs Baron should buy a few Peking 2000 supporter badges, or some Sydney 2000 bumper stickers.

Yours faithfully,
ALLAN W. BEARDSWORTH,
6 Meadowbank,
Charltonville, Manchester 21.
June 26.

Letters should carry a daytime telephone number. They may be faxed to 071-782 5046.

COURT CIRCULAR

PALACE OF HOLYROODHOUSE
June 30: The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh this morning visited Lockerbie and were received by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for Dumfries (Captain Ronald Cunningham-Jardine) and Sir Hector Monro (MP for Dumfriesshire).

Having laid a wreath at the Memorial for victims of the Pan Am 103 Air Disaster, Her Majesty and His Royal Highness met representatives of families bereaved by the disaster.

The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh drove to Dumfries, where Her Majesty opened the new Police Headquarters, and were received by the Chairman, Public Protection Committee of Dumfries and Galloway Regional Council (Mr Russell Brown) and the Chief Constable (Mr George Esson).

After touring the headquarters, The Queen unveiled a commemorative plaque.

Her Majesty, with his Royal Highness, this afternoon honoured the Convenor, Dumfries and Galloway Regional Council (Mr Robert Robinson) with her presence at luncheon at the regional council offices.

The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh later drove to Kirkcudbright and were received at Broughton House by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for the Stewartry of Kirkcudbright (Sir Michael Herries) and the Chairman of Trustees (Dr Peter Pearce).

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
June 30: The Prince Edward, Chairman, The Duke of Edinburgh's Award Special Projects Group, this evening held a meeting at Buckingham Palace.

ST JAMES'S PALACE
June 30: The Prince of Wales today visited Edinburgh and was received by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for the City of Edinburgh (Mr Norman Irons, the Rt Hon the Lord Provost).

His Royal Highness, President, Scottish Business in the Community, this morning attended a conference organised by Scottish Homes and the Urban Villages Group and visited various initiatives in West Pilton. Mr Hugh Merrill was in attendance.

The Prince of Wales this afternoon visited the Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh, Inverleith Row. Commander Richard Aylard RN was in attendance.

His Royal Highness, Patron, Macmillan Nurse Appeal, afterwards met supporters of the Appeal in Scotland at Noble Grossart Limited, Queen Street.

Mr Hugh Merrill was in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
June 30: The Princess of Wales today visited Cardiff and was received by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for South Glamorgan (Captain Norman Lloyd-Edwards RNR).

Her Royal Highness, Patron, Barnados, this morning visited the Ely Family Centre, 87 Grand Avenue, Ely.

The Princess of Wales later visited Seat 4 West Play Park, Tycoch Road.

Her Royal Highness, Patron, the Trust for Sick Children in Wales, this afternoon attended a luncheon at the Marriott Hotel, Mill Lane.

The Princess of Wales subsequently opened Burges House, Newport Road.

Captain Edward Musto RM was in attendance.

YORK HOUSE
ST JAMES'S PALACE
June 30: The Duke of Kent, President, the All England Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club, this afternoon attended the Lawn Tennis Championships at Wimbledon, London SW19.

Commander Roger Walker, RN was in attendance.

The Duchess of Kent, Patron, this afternoon the Cancer Relief Macmillan Fund Annual General Meeting at the Kensington and Chelsea Town Hall, London, W8.

Mrs Colin Marsh was in attendance.

The Duchess of Kent, Patron, the Samaritans this evening attended a charity preview of Sunset Boulevard at the Adelphi Theatre, The Strand, London WC2.

Bishop of Durham to resign next year

By Ruth Gledhill, Religion Correspondent

THE Bishop of Durham, Dr David Jenkins, last night announced that he is to resign after ten years in office.

Dr Jenkins, aged 68, will depart in July next year. His successor is almost certain to have a distinguished academic record.

Dr Jenkins' doubts about the literal truth of certain Christian fundamentals, and his outspoken criticism of government policies, have made him the most controversial bishop on the bench. But his pastoral care for his 300 clergy have earned him their loyalty, even where they disagree with his liberal theology. His ability to capture headlines with provocative pronouncements was eclipsed only when Dr George Carey, an evangelical, was elevated to Canterbury in 1991.

Dr Jenkins will step down six months before he reaches the ecclesiastical retirement age of 70. He said: "It precisely completes ten years in office and this is what I committed myself to when I accepted my call to be bishop of Durham."

In questioning the literal truth of the empty tomb and the Virgin Birth, Dr Jenkins was stating no more than has been said in liberal academic circles for years. But coming from the bishop in the fourth most senior see in the Church of England, with automatic membership of the House of Lords, his statements provoked widespread concern.

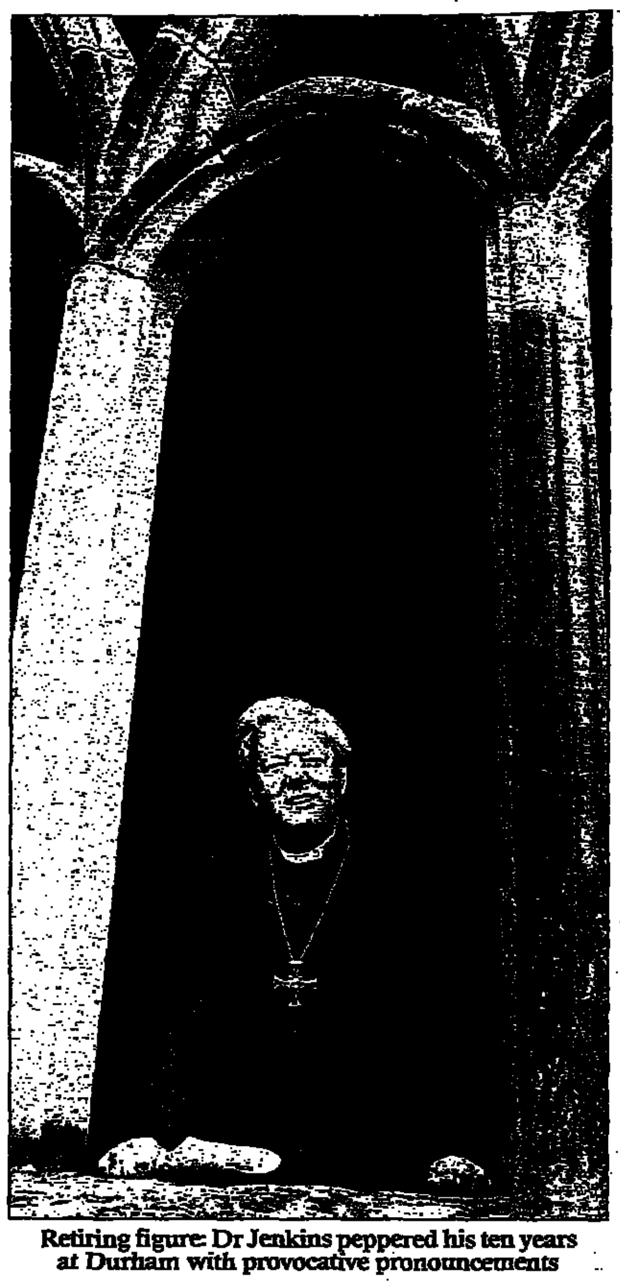
Some saw it as a message from God when, three days after his consecration in 1984 in York, the Minster was struck by lightning and seriously damaged by fire. Dr Jenkins said: "If it was Him, then he missed," but at least one bishop called on him to resign.

Dr Jenkins espoused the cause of women priests, campaigned on behalf of the miners and got into more trouble for calling God "He, She or It".

The Crown Appointments Commission, which is expected to take months to choose a successor, will submit two names to the prime minister, to select one for approval by the Queen. Lobbying will begin almost immediately.

Anglo-Catholics say the vacancy gives the church a chance to prove it is serious when it says that senior appointments will not be barred to opponents of women priests. Their preferred candidates will include Canon Geoffrey Rowell, chaplain of Keble College, Oxford.

Many senior lay and clergy jobs in the church recently have gone to evangelicals. Preferred evangelical candidates for Durham would include Stephen Sykes, Bishop of Ely and former regius professor of divinity at Cambridge. An imaginative outside choice could be the mathematical physicist John Polkinghorne, president of Queens' College, Cambridge, ordained priest in 1982 and top author on science and religion.



Retiring figure: Dr Jenkins peppered his ten years at Durham with provocative pronouncements

Horticulture

High summer's flowers set Wisley sparkling

By Alan Toogood, Horticulture Correspondent

A HEAT WAVE does not provide ideal conditions for plant displays under canvas, but nevertheless the Wisley Flower Festival at the Royal Horticultural Society's garden, Wisley, Surrey, is standing up well. All the flowers of high summer can be seen, including many displays of carnations and pinks, pelargoniums and sweet peas.

The Kent group of the Hardy Plants Society is showing more unusual plants from the umbelliferae family for which it has been awarded a gold medal. The exhibit includes a collection of astrantias in pink, white and red shades, and spiky eryngiums with globe-shaped flower heads.

Gold medals have also been awarded to Goldbrook Plants of Hoxne, Suffolk (hostas, including miniatures), Derek Lloyd Dean, of South Harrow, west London, (pelargoniums) and the National Sweet Pea Society (showing cut blooms).

Several specialist societies have staged competitions at the festival. In the British Pelargonium and Geranium Society's competition Mr R Clarke of Maidenhead, Berkshire, has secured a clutch of trophies with just one plant. His specimen of regal pelargonium "Lavender Harewood Slam" has been awarded the Iris Munro Cup for best exhibit in the show, the Marjorie Stimpson Cup for best amateur exhibit, the Lady Irene Burton Cup for best regal exhibit, and the Anthony Ayton Salver for best regal.

In the Delphinium Society's competition, Mr R J Joslyn, of Carshalton Beeches, Surrey, has won the Frank Bishop Cup for the best spike of flowers with the deep blue cultivar "Gordon Forsyth". Mr R Banks, of Woodmansterne, Surrey, has won the Stuart Ogg Jubilee Trophy for six spikes (yellow "Sungleam" and a white seedling).

In the British National Carnation Society's competition, a vase of the pink and red border carnation "Peter Wood" has been judged best vase in the show, and has gained the Bikini Trophy for Peter Russell, of Marlow, Buckinghamshire. Also in the border carnation section, he has won the Gilbert Greenall Trophy for most points in the division for six blooms, and the J C Lockwood Cup for a vase of 12 blooms. John Galbally of Eastbourne, Sussex, has been awarded the Will Drake Memorial Cup for five scarlet blooms ("Alfriston" and "Richard Pollak").

Denis Franklin, of Banstead, Surrey, fared well in the section for perpetual flowering carnations, winning the W E Wallace Memorial Cup for most points in the division for six blooms, and the Lord Howard de Walden Cup for 12 blooms.

In the section for pinks, Jim Linnell, of Towcester, Northamptonshire, has gained the Thain Memorial Cup for most points in the one and three stem divisions.

The festival is open today from 10am to 6pm.

Birthdays today

The Princess of Wales celebrates her birthday today.

Sir Alan Campbell, diplomat, 74; Miss Leslie Caron, actress, 62; Miss Olivia de Havilland, actress, 77; Mr Trevor Eve, actor, 42; Lady Faulkner of Downpatrick, 68; Sir Colin Figures, civil servant, 68; Lord Gisborough, 66; Mr Hans Werner Henze, composer, 67; Air Chief Marshal Sir Anthony Heward, 75; Lord Hindlip, 81; Lieutenant-Colonel Sir John Hugo, former Gentleman Usher to The Queen, 94; Viscount Leverhulme, KG, 78; Mr Carl Lewis, athlete, 32; Sir Kenneth Lewis, former MP, 77; the Marquess of Linlithgow, 47; Mr Frederic Lloyd, former vice-president, Royal Academy of Music, 75; Miss Jean Marsh, actress, 59; the Duke of Northumberland, 40; General Sir Thomas Pearson, 79; Miss Joan Sadler, former principal, Cheltenham Ladies' College, 66; Mr Peter Walwyn, racehorse trainer, 60; the Very Rev Alan Webster, former Dean of St Paul's, 75.

Reception

Anglo-Somali Society
Mr Alun Michael, MP, was host at a reception at the House of Commons yesterday for members of the Anglo-Somali Society. Mr James Glaza, HM Ambassador to Ethiopia, attended and Ms Eva Skalla of World Circuit Arts was a speaker.

Today's royal engagements

The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh will give a garden party at the Palace of Holyroodhouse at 4.00.

The Duke of Edinburgh, as President of The Maritime Trust, will open the Discovery Visitor Centre, at Discovery Point, Dundee, at 10.30.

The Princess Royal will visit RAF Turnhouse at 9.30; and the Joint Maritime Operational Facility at Pitreavie Castle, Fife, at 11.35.

Princess Margaret, as Grand President of the St John Ambulance Association and Brigade, will attend a Russian ball at Luton Hoo at 7.40 in aid of the association.

The Duke and Duchess of Kent will attend the lawn tennis championship meeting at the All England Tennis and Croquet Club at 1.50; and, as Co-Patrons of the Anglo-Jordanian Society (London), will attend a dinner at the Berkeley hotel at 7.40.

Appointments

Dr John Penrose Barron, Master of St Peter's College, Oxford, to be a Crown representative on the governing body of the School of Oriental and African Studies (University of London) in succession to Professor Martin Best Harris who will be resigning on August 31.

Dinners

Prime Minister
The Prime Minister and Mrs Major were hosts last night at a dinner held at 10 Downing Street in honour of the International Spinal Research Trust. The guests were:
Lord and Lady Kindersley, Sir Emmanuel and Lady Kaye, Mr and Mrs Dennis Parry, Dr and Mrs Andrew Balint, Mr and Mrs Michael Garston, Mr Roger Gibbs, Mr and Mrs Kenneth Scowcroft, Mr Robert Evans, Mrs Vikki Power, Mr and Mrs David Laing, Dr and Mrs Hans Frankel, Mr Martin Curtis, Dr Paul Sharpe, Mrs Elizabeth Liddell, Mr Ian Walden, Mr and Mrs William Buchanan, Mr John Hick, Mrs Gayle Sinclair and Miss Lorne Roper-Caldbeck.

HM Government
The Hon Douglas Hurd, Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, was host yesterday at a dinner held at 1 Carlton Gardens in honour of Senhor Joaquim Alberto Chissano, President of Mozambique.

British-Israel Chamber of Commerce
Lord Sieff of Brimpton, President of the British-Israel Chamber of Commerce, was host at the Chamber's Annual Dinner held last night at the King David Suite, London, W1. Mr Nicholas Saphir, Chairman of the Chamber, presided. The Right Hon Tim Sainsbury, Minister for Industry, was the Guest of Honour and HE The Ambassador of Israel, Mr Yoav Biran, was among others present.

Ironmongers' Company

The following have been elected officers of the Ironmongers' Company for the ensuing year: Master, Mr R.B. Brayne; Senior Warden, Mr J.M. Edwards; Junior Warden, Alderman Sir Greville Spratt.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr N.J. Barkhouse and Miss N.K. Hatrick
The engagement is announced between James, elder son of Dr and Mrs David Barkhouse, of Churchlands, Western Australia, and Nicola, only daughter of Dr and Mrs Ian Hatrick, of Eastwater House, Bramley, Surrey.

Mr C.S. Codrington and Miss K.J. Paviour
The engagement is announced between Charles, younger son of Mr and Mrs James Codrington, of Appledore, Kent, and Kathryn Julia, only daughter of Brigadier and Mrs Andrew Paviour, of Broughton, Hampshire.

Mr C.L.J. Cowley and Miss M.S. Wade
The engagement is announced between Charles, son of Mr John Cowley, of Broadfield Farmhouse, Hinton Charterhouse, Bath, and Mrs Jean Cowley, of "Bumpers Batch", Southstoke, Bath, and Maria, daughter of Mr and Mrs Derek Wade, of Hill House, Hever, Kent.

Mr R.A. Day and Miss K.L. Hirshon
The engagement is announced between Rupert, younger son of Mr and Mrs Simon Day, of Keaton House, near Ivybridge, Devon, and Karen, eldest daughter of Mr Gerald Hirshon, of Cape Town, South Africa, and Mrs Bernadine Boltman, of Johannesburg, South Africa.

Mr A.P. Stevens and Miss L.A. Cole
The engagement is announced between Andrew Philip, youngest son of Squadron Leader David Stevens, of Middlesex, and Mrs Patricia Stevens, of Gloucestershire, and Lucy Alexandra, youngest daughter of Mr Christopher Cole, of Devon, and Mrs Susan Cole, of North Yorkshire.

Mr H.D. Apthorp and Dr L.A. Gowans
The engagement is announced between Hugh, son of Dr and Mrs George Apthorp, of Northwood, Middlesex, and Lesley, daughter of Mr and Mrs Alan Gowans, of Wilmslow, Cheshire.

Mr M.J.P. Dodson and Miss V.M.B. Corrie
The engagement is announced between Mark, son of Mr and Mrs Michael Dodson, of Monk Sherborne, Hampshire, and Victoria, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs John Corrie, of Winchester, Hampshire.

Mr A.C. Mayfield and Miss E.J. Paton
The engagement is announced between Charlie, son of Lieutenant-Colonel and Mrs Richard Mayfield, of Ewhurst Park, Hampshire, and Elizabeth, eldest daughter of Dr and Mrs Joe Paton, of Wargrave, Berkshire.

Mr W.B. Robertson and Miss F.M.C. Collen
The engagement is announced between Brian, elder son of Mr Arthur Robertson and the late Mrs Edith Robertson, of Dunfermline, and Fiona, daughter of Mr and Mrs David Collen, of Edinburgh.

Captain R.J. Russell, RAMC and Miss M.A. Cumming
The engagement is announced between Robert, son of Dr and Mrs J.R. Russell, of Stockbury, Kent, and Melanie, daughter of Mr and Mrs B.S. Cumming, of Chilham, Kent.

Marriage

Mr A.F.B. Scrivener and Miss Y.H. Tan
The marriage took place on June 25, 1993, in London, between Mr Anthony Scrivener, QC, and Miss Ying Hui Tan.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Gottfried Leibniz, philosopher, Leipzig, 1646; George Sand (Amandine Dupin), novelist, Paris, 1804; Louis Bleriot, pioneer aviator, first to fly across the Channel (1909), Cambrai, France, 1872; Sir Bernard Heinze, musician, Shepperton, Victoria, Australia, 1894; Isaac Babel, novelist, Odessa, 1894; Charles Laughton, actor, Scarborough, 1899; Sir Seretse Khama, 1st President of Botswana 1966-80, Serowe, Bechuanaland, 1921.

DEATHS: John Bradford, Protestant martyr, burnt at the stake, London, 1555; Henry Fox, 1st Baron Holland, statesman, London, 1774; Mikhail Bakunin, anarchist, Bern, Switzerland, 1876; Allan Pinkerton, founder of the American detective agency, Chicago, 1884; Harriet Beecher Stowe, novelist, Hartford, Connecticut, 1896; George Watts, painter, Compton, Surrey, 1904; Erik Satie, composer, Paris, 1924; Alphonse Leon Daudet, writer, St-Remy-de-Provence, 1942; Juan Peron, President of Argentina 1946-55 and 1973-74, Buenos Aires, 1974.

The Battle of the Boyne, when the forces of King William III defeated those of King James II, 1690.

Registration of births, marriages and deaths became effective, 1837.

The dominion of Canada was established, 1867.

The Union of South Africa became a dominion, 1910.

Prince Charles was invested as the Prince of Wales at Caernarvon Castle, 1969.

Deputy lieutenant

Lord De Ramsey has been appointed a deputy lieutenant for Cambridgeshire.

Memorial services

Lord Briginshaw
A memorial service for Lord Briginshaw was held yesterday at St Bride's, Fleet Street. Canon John Oates officiated. Mr John Briginshaw (grandson) read the lesson and the Hon Jeffries Briginshaw (son) read from Sir Thomas Browne's Religio Medici and from the works of Bertold Brecht. Mr Clive Jenkins and Mr John Mitchell, National Officer, Graphical Paper and Media Union, gave addresses.

Lieutenant-Colonel Sir Martin Gilliat
A Memorial Service for Lieutenant-Colonel Sir Martin Gilliat, GCVO, MBE, will be held in the Church of St Martin-in-the-Fields on Thursday, July 8, at 12 noon. Please be seated by 11.45am.

Conservative Foreign and Commonwealth Council

HE Senor Mario Campora, Ambassador of Argentina, addressed the council on Monday at Conservative Central Office, Smith Square, London. Mr Ian Raitt, deputy chairman of the council, was in the chair.

Christening

The infant son of Mr and Mrs Giles Dove was christened Christopher Giles by the Rev Dr Robert Gillies at St Andrew's Church, St Andrews, on Sunday, June 27. The godparents are Dr and Mrs Robin Evetts and Mr Andrew Monteath.

School news

Stowe School
Stowe School announces the following additional awards for 1993:
Roxburgh Scholarships: William Keeler, Mount House School, Tavistock, Devon; Charles Saunders, Witham Hall, Bourne, Lincolnshire; Tom Willis, Cumnor House, Danehill, Sussex.
Roxburgh Exhibitions: Ben Bloomfield, Cothill House, Abingdon, Oxon; Kristjan Byfield, Papplewick, Ascot; Jack Hazell, Headfort School, Kells, Co Meath; Dominic Taylor, Swanbourne House, Swanbourne, Bucks.

University news

Balliol College
The Fellows of Balliol College are pleased to announce that they have elected Colin Renshaw Lucas, MA, DPhil, formerly Fellow and Tutor of the College and currently Professor of Modern History and Dean of the Division of the Social Sciences at the University of Chicago, to succeed to the Mastership on the retirement of Dr B.S. Blumberg in September 1994.

Luncheon

Carlton Club
The Hon Douglas Hurd, Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, was the guest of honour at a luncheon of the Political Committee of the Carlton Club held yesterday at the club. Mr Giles Chichester, chairman of the political committee, presided. Mr J.M. Lancaster also spoke.

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As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world, and for their sake I consecrate my self, that they too may be consecrated by the truth.
St. John 17: 18.19

BIRTHS

BARKER - On June 22nd, to Sarah (née Cosens) and Nicholas, a daughter, Emma Elizabeth.

BARNES - On 25th June, at St Thomas's London, to Christian and Melanie, a son, Hamish William. A Brother for Elliot.

BEAT - To Emma (née Winchester) and Lloyd a daughter, Verity Lois Philippa, at Borders General Hospital on Sunday June 27th. A sister to Alexander.

BOUSQUET - On 19th June in Paris, to Anne (née Foster) and Michel, twin sisters for William, Emma and Chloé who are doing well.

CAVANAGH-BUTLER - On June 27th at The Portland Hospital, to Julie and Richard, a son, Patrick Charles Arthur, a brother for Grace.

COCKER - On 25th June, to Zosia and Simon, a son, Edward George Stanislaw, a brother for Lucy and Alex.

FLEMING - On 24th June at St Michael's Hospital, Bristol, to Fiona (née MacIntyre) and Andrew, a daughter, Louise.

GARBERTAS - On 23rd June 1993, to Emma (née Scarborough) and Richard, a son, Frederick Richard Frank.

JENNINGS - On 24th June, to Susanne and Simon, a daughter, Alexandra Sophie.

LEWIS - On 28th June at Hemel Hempstead, St Albans, to Claire (née Chapman) and Mark, a son, Edward William.

LOBO - On 8th June 1993 in Bristol, to Jayne (née Gott) and Alan, a son, Oliver Thomas Keith, a brother for William.

MATTHEWS - On 26th June 1993, to Francine (née Ambler) and Michael, a son.

WHATELY-SMITH - On June 27th in Watford, to Caroline (née Franks) and Chris, a son, Edward, a brother for James.

WINSTANLEY - On 24th June, to Columbine (née Hobart) and Charles, a daughter, Calista Heron Molyneux.

BIRTHS

YIANNIS-PEARCE - To Evangelos and Hilary (née Pearce), a fine son, Vasilis, on 16th April in Mytilene.

YOUNG - On June 26th to Sally and Jolyon, in Torquay, Elizabeth Louise, a sister for William.

MARRIAGES

TULLOCH:CHALMERS - The marriage took place on Saturday 26th June 1993 of Mr Keith F Tulloch and Mrs Vee J Chalmers.

DEATHS

AZIMI - On June 27th 1993, peacefully at home, Mansour in his 73rd year. Much loved husband of Habibeh and Father of Ashraf, Vida, Manoucher, Sanam, Fereshteh and Ali. Dearly loved by his Grandchildren, and Mr Esmaeil Rahimi and Family, Mr R Hashemi, Mr Neil Bell and Mr R Ramscher, and friends and sadly missed by all. Service and interment at Hove Cemetery, Old Shoreham Road, Hove, at 2pm on Friday 2nd July followed by service at 8pm on Sunday 4th July held at Flat 10, 37/38 Adelaide Crescent, Hove. No flowers please but donations, if wished, to The British Heart Foundation, 6 Terrace Walk, Bath.

BARNES - On 28th June 1993, peacefully in hospital, Margaret "Peggy" Cicely, widow of the late Dr. Clive Barnes, devoted and much loved wife, mother and grandmother. Funeral Service in St Mary's Church, Hadleigh, Suffolk, on Tuesday July 6th at 2.30 pm. Family flowers only but donations may be sent for St Mary's Church c/o The Deanery, Hadleigh, Ipswich.

CANDY - On June 28th 1993, peacefully at Warren Gate Nursing Home, Kingswood, Margaret Jean aged 92 years. Dear wife of the late James Candy and beloved mother of Jane, mother-in-law of Tudor and grandmother of James and Alex. Private cremation followed by Service of Thanksgiving at the Church of the Good Shepherd, Tadworth, on Tuesday July 6th at 2.45 pm. Family flowers only.

DAVISON - (Mackay) Janet Taylor, sister of Greta (Gordon) and William (Bryson) on Thursday 24th June at Middlesex Hospital after a short illness. Cremation at 2 pm Golders Green Crematorium on Monday 5th July. No flowers please.

GARDNER - On June 28th, Peter David aged 50 years, after a long illness so cheerfully borne. Son of the late Anne Berger, stepson of Edmund Berger. Funeral on July 5th at Offham, Lewes, at 2.30 pm, followed by private cremation. No flowers please.

GATES - On 29th June 1993, peacefully at home in Lymington, Harold William, aged 73 years. Very dear husband of Phyllis, father of Angela, grandfather of Emma and brother of Bendy. Funeral Service at Bournemouth Crematorium on Tuesday 6th July at 12.30pm. Family flowers only. If wished donations for Milford Hospital League of Friends (MacMillan Nurses) c/o Diamond and Son, Funeral Directors, 9-11 Lower Buckland Road, Lymington, SO41 9DN.

GATES - Harold William, on June 29th 1993 at Lymington, Hampshire. In proud memory. Bendy and Edward.

HARRIS - On June 29th aged 107 years. Ben, late of Jesmond, Newcastle Upon Tyne, beloved husband of the late Elizabeth. Funeral Service at Saltwell Crematorium, Gateshead, on Friday 2nd July at 1.30 pm. No flowers, but donations in lieu may be made to British Red Cross Society, Croft House, Western Avenue, Newcastle, NE4 8SP.

HEALE - Margaret Milnes, on 25th June 1993, Corfu. Beloved and greatly missed. She was wife, mother, grandmother of Geoffrey, William and Toby, Philip, Deborah, Roger and Edward. Courageous in life but her struggle was unavailing.

HILL - On 30th June 1993 at Harnham Croft Nursing Home, Salisbury, after a short illness borne with fortitude and humour. Olivette Kaye, widow of Lt. Col. Rowland Hill, Royal Greenjackets. Much loved mother and grandmother. Funeral at Church of St Mary and St Nicholas, Wilton, on 13th July 1993 at 2 pm. Family flowers only but donations, if desired, to Wilton Parish Church Fund or Royal Greenjackets Officers Fund c/o C. White, 43 Russell Street, Wilton.

MAREK - On June 28th 1993, peacefully in Cheltenham, Josef in his 83rd year. Beloved husband of Franciszka, devoted father of Stanislaw, much loved brother of Stefan. All enquiries to Packer & Slade, Funeral Directors, tel: (0285) 653525.

MILLER - On June 29th, Colonel William John Miller O.B.E. (late R.E.M.E.) aged 85 years. Dearly loved husband of Audrey, loving father of Ian, Janet and Richard and devoted grandfather. Funeral Service at Sedlescombe Parish Church on Wednesday 7th July at 11.30 am followed by private cremation. Family flowers only. Donations if desired for Barnados or Battle Carers to F. Jempson & Son Funeral Directors, High Street, Battle, East Sussex.

PATTULLO - Eva Catherine (née Carless) peacefully in hospital aged 92. Adored wife of the late Ron Pattullo and beloved mother of Polly. Funeral, Hickey's Almshouses Chapel, Sheen Road, Richmond, on July 6th at 2.30 pm. Flowers to T.H. Sanders & Sons, 447 Upper Richmond Road West, SW14, or donations to The Royal Star and Garter Home for Disabled Sailors, Soldiers and Airmen, Richmond, Surrey.

POLIAKOFF - Sonia. The death occurred in hospital on 18th June of Sonia Poliakoff, formerly of Canfield Gardens, London NW6. Relatives and close friends attended the cremation service at Golders Green on 23rd June. She will be greatly missed by us all.

RIDGE - On 26th June 1993, peacefully at his home, Harry George Ridge, loved husband of June, loved father and grandfather.

ROWALLAN - On June 24th 1993, Arthur Cameron. The funeral and memorial service have taken place in Spain.

SEYMOUR - On June 29th 1993, unexpectedly, Felicity (Flea), née Webber. Beloved wife of James and adored mother of Hugo, Octavia and Rupert. Funeral private. A Memorial Service will be arranged later. Family flowers only, but donations if desired to The Great Ormond Street Hospital.

SHEPHERD - William John (Jack) on 28th June aged 79. Beloved husband of Shirley and father of Robert and Madeleine. Funeral Service at Eastbourne Crematorium on Monday 5th July at 12 noon. Family flowers only please.

SOMERS - On June 26th, suddenly, Diana Betty Murray aged 80 years, wife of the late David, dearly loved and missed by Michael, Richard, Anne, Maria and grandchildren Mark, Nicholas, Juliet, Natasha, Lucinda and James. Funeral Service on Tuesday July 6th at Croydon Crematorium at 2.30 pm. Family flowers only, any donations please to The Parkinson's Disease Society, 22 Upper Woburn Place, London WC1H ORA. Enquiries to Francis Chappell, telephone: (081) 460-1720.

SONDHEIMER - On June 30th, peacefully, Ida, aged 93, widow of Max Sondheimer. Beloved mother of Professor Ernst Sondheimer, grandmother of Julian and Judith and great-grandmother of Fred, Jeanie and Graeme.

TALBOT - On 29th June, Florence Margaret (Paddy), peacefully at Bicester Community Hospital, aged 76 years. Loyal and devoted wife of Joe and mother of John and Tricia. Funeral Service at Oxford Crematorium on Tuesday July 6th at 12 noon. Enquiries to: L Hartness, Funeral Directors, Bicester, tel: (0869) 253282.

IN MEMORIAM — WAR

9th AND 10th BNS. K.O.Y.L.I. - To the undying memory of the Officers and Men of the above Battalions who fell in the attack on Fricourt (Somme) on July 1, 1916. 'Gentlemen, when the barrage lifts'.

DIAMOND ANNIVERSARIES

BLACK:HAWKEY - On 1st July 1933 at St Saviour's Church, Walthamstow, William Edward to Dorothea Mary, now residing in Bures, Suffolk.

WILLEARD:MATHLIN - On 1st July 1933 at the Methodist Church, Crayford, Arthur Thomas to Ethel Radiance. Now at Dartford.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

BISHOP - Elizabeth Ebell is deeply grateful for the tributes to Dame Joyce and the many kind messages of sympathy she has received. She asks friends to accept this expression of her thanks and appreciation.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MASSIN Barnet (otherwise known as Ben). Last known address Hallam Street London W1 in 1970. Would he or anybody knowing of his whereabouts Please write to Box No 2871 where he will learn something to his advantage.

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RICHARD MacDONALD

Richard MacDonald, British film production designer, died in Los Angeles, where he had been domiciled for many years, on May 29 aged 73. He was born in Yeovil, Somerset, on June 1, 1919.

A CHANCE meeting in the mid-1950s with the American director Joseph Losey resulted in Richard MacDonald doing the drawings for Losey's movie *The Sleeping Tiger* in 1954, and it was not his fault that the visual interest of the film was comprehensively submerged in the turgid extravagance of the plot. As he had not yet been able to obtain membership of the requisite union, he was an uncredited collaborator with Losey on his next few films. These included the murder mystery *Blind Date* (1959); the phantasmagoria of erotic entrapment *Eve* (1962); the moodily-melodramatic tour de force *The Servant* (1963); and the first world war drama of life behind the Passchendaele battlefront *King and Country* (1964).

Richard MacDonald first trained as a painter in Bristol, then at the Dauntsey School in Wiltshire and at the West of England College of Art. In London, his studies at the Royal College of Art were interrupted by the second world war during which he served in the Royal Navy.

On his return ashore he received a diploma in painting. In 1948 he was appointed senior assistant lecturer at Leeds College of Art and the following year he became head of the painting school. MacDonald spent the next six years teaching painting at Leeds and at the Camberwell School of Art where he became a senior lecturer.

In 1950 he was elected a full member of the Royal West of England Academy. Five years later he joined the London Press Exchange as art director of its television department and in 1957 he joined an advertising agency as director of television advertising. But his association with Losey had now given him a taste for films and in 1965 he abandoned his work in advertising to devote all his energies to cinema production design.



Memory lane: Alan Bates, left, and Dominic Guard in *The Go-Between*, L. P. Hartley's tale of bucolic passion recollected, on which MacDonald worked with Joseph Losey

After his early, unacknowledged contributions to Losey's film output, he got a credit as art director for *Modesty Blaise* (1966) the director's engagingly whacky version of the doings of Peter O'Donnell's comic strip heroine, played by Monica Vitti — whose body language more than made up for her merely adequate English. His association with Losey continued on *Boom!* (1968), a schmaltzy Taylor/Burton vehicle, created from the Tennessee Williams play *The Milk Train Doesn't Stop Here Anymore*; *Secret Ceremony* (1969) from a short story by Marco Denevi; *The Assassination of Trotsky* (1972) one of Losey's less highly-praised efforts; *Galileo* (1975) and the ambiguous *The Romantic Englishwoman* (1975).

In addition, he was responsible for the titles on the richly-evocative screen version of L. P. Hartley's novel *The Go-Between* (1970), starring Alan Bates and Julie Christie. In 1973 he had the same job on the Losey celluloid account of Ibsen's *A Doll's House* — coincidently, one of two film treatments of the play made in that year.

He was already by this time in demand among other film directors. For John Schlesinger, he designed *Far From the Madding Crowd* (1967) another Julie Christie vehicle, visually stunning if verbally trite — Hardy's prose died a thousand deaths; *The Day of the Locust* (1975), an interpretation of Nathanael West's scarifying novel of Hollywood which, though a total failure at the box office, had memorable scenes; and the all-star *Marathon Man* (1976).

For Norman Jewison, he was responsible for the look of the films *Jesus Christ Superstar* (1973), *F. I. S. T.* (1978) and *And Justice for All* (1979). He collaborated twice with Ken Russell, first on *Altered States* (1980) and then *Crimes of Passion* (1984) and twice with Australian director Fred Schepisi, on *Plenty* and *The Russia House*.

In addition to his work on the recent films *Jennifer 8* and *The Addams Family*, he was responsible for the look of *Exorcist II — The Heretic*, a rather limp follow-up to its spectacular, if gruesome, predecessor; *Cannery Row*, a tempestuous production in which Raquel Welch was replaced by Debra Winger in mid-course; and *Something Wicked This Way Comes*, a visually sinister offering directed by Jack Clayton from the novel by Ray Bradbury. At the time of his final illness MacDonald was the production designer on Sydney Pollack's film, *The Firm*.

MacDonald's stage work included Ken Russell's production of the opera *Madame Butterfly* which was first seen at the Spoleto Festival in 1983 and was later staged at the Melbourne Opera House in 1986. He also designed two opera productions for Peter Medak: Richard Strauss's one-act *Salome* at the Minneapolis Opera House in 1988 and the Poulenc/Cocteau *La Voix Humaine* presented at the Monte Carlo Opera House in February 1990. Last February he designed director Robert Ackerman's production of *Scenes from an Execution* at the Mark Taper Forum in Los Angeles.

Since the mid-1950s, MacDonald had exhibited in group shows and had held three one-man shows. His recent pictures, which are reflections on the landscape of southern California, will be exhibited posthumously July 7-August 14 at the Couturier Gallery in Los Angeles.

His first one-man show was in 1953 at the Wildenstein Gallery in London. Subsequent exhibits were held in 1971 at London's Maltzahn Gallery, in 1982 at the Royal West of England Academy and in 1989 at the Tiffany in Los Angeles.

MacDonald is survived by his wife and frequent collaborator, the costume designer Ruth Myers, and a stepdaughter, Rachel.

HERBERT SPENCER

Herbert Spencer, Professor of Morbid Anatomy at St Thomas' Hospital Medical School, London, from 1965 to 1980, died on June 1 aged 78. He was born on February 8, 1915.

HERBERT Spencer was an internationally-renowned authority in the pathology of the lung and was the author of the standard work on the subject. At St Thomas' Hospital Medical School, where he was on the academic staff for thirty years, he was respected by generations of students for his lucid expositions of his subject.

The son of Hubert and Edith Maude Spencer he was educated at Highgate School and St Mary's Hospital Medical School, Paddington, where he was also a Houseman. In due course he became a fellow of the Royal College of Physicians, of the Royal College of Surgeons and of the Royal College of Pathologists, all of which, in addition to his PhD and MD degrees gave him an extraordinarily wide medical background.

But it was pathology which really engaged his interest and when, in 1942, he was drafted into the Royal Army Medical Corps it was to pursue this speciality. He served in Iraq, Iran and Egypt until 1947, rising to the rank of lieutenant-colonel and eventually taking charge of all pathology services in the Middle East.

After the war, he joined the pathology service for the Archway Group of Hospitals. This experience conclusively persuaded him to dedicate himself to academic medicine and his chosen speciality of lung pathology rather than pursue a career as a surgeon. He was appointed senior lecturer at St Thomas' Hospital and subsequently rose to reader and ultimately Professor of Morbid Anatomy. In 1957, he spent six months as a visiting professor at Yale University where he worked closely with Professor Averill Liebow.

With his international outlook, he quickly made the department at St Thomas' a magnet for students from overseas, and his book *Tropical Pathology* was published in 1973. He had already begun devoting himself to what was to be his life's major work, which resulted in his magnum opus, *Pathology of the Lung*. This work was first published in 1962 and received international acclaim. Its reception ensured it a second impression in the following year. In 1968 the second edition was published and additional reprints followed in 1969, 1973, and 1975. The third edition appeared in 1977 and, again, reprints appeared later in that year and also in 1978. The fourth edition was published in 1985, and was further reprinted.

A pathologist who was constantly in demand, Spencer spent a lot of his life lecturing and examining around the world. On the majority of these trips he was accompanied by his wife, Eileen, whom he married in 1940. Although his life was sharply focused on his work, he was completely devoted to his family. Equally, he practised a total belief in Christian values — a belief which found expression in his practical, professional support of missionary hospitals around the world.

In his all too brief spare time he relaxed by pursuing his interests in gardening, walking and listening to classical music — pleasures he shared with his wife.

She, a son and three daughters survive him.

JOHN PILE

John Pile, conservationist, died in Harare, Zimbabwe, on June 19 aged 73. He was born in Wimbledon on July 10, 1919.



AS A conservationist, John Pile was known as an outspoken administrator and fundraiser rather than a scientist. He had a gift for drawing people into his private enthusiasms and helped to put wildlife firmly on the political agenda in the newly-independent state through his work for the Zimbabwe National Conservation Trust (ZNCT). Later he devoted himself to the cause of the endangered black rhinoceros.

The powdered horn of the rhinoceros is a crucial ingredient in Chinese medicine, and is now worth more than twice as much by weight than gold. Pile raised money with the ZNCT for anti-poaching patrols and organised the removal of some of the creatures from the Zambezi area in the north — where they were more prone to attacks from foreign hunters — to the south. In 1987 he arranged the press coverage for two intrepid Zimbabwean girls who cycled across Europe and Africa on a fund-raising mission for the animal.

His stand on the issue of elephant culling, however, was typically pragmatic. Zimbabwe has a thriving elephant population and leads southern African countries in arguing against the continuation of the ban on the ivory trade. Until 1989, when the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (Cites) first imposed the ban, Zimbabwe was using the elephant as the flagship for profitable community projects. These allowed the local people to control the herds' numbers — thus safeguarding the farmers' crops while protecting the animals from indiscriminate poaching. Pile was dismayed by the attitude of Britain, when it put its weight behind the ban.

In 1991 British fishermen resumed fishing the endangered herring in the North Sea and Pile saw an opportunity to retaliate. Launching into a tirade in the Zimbabwean press against what he saw as a double standard — "the one-way street of colonialism" — he proposed that Cites impose a world-wide ban on herring fishing.

This was all the more startling coming from a man with all the qualifications to be an old colonial. John Aird Pile was educated at "Ballards" Addington in Surrey. He joined the RAF in 1938 and flew Hurricanes during the second world war as a wing commander, but was later seconded to Intelligence. As part of the RAF education programme, he graduated with a degree in agriculture from the Essex Institute of Agriculture and Reading University.

After the war he joined the British Colonial Service, serving in the Department of Agriculture in Ghana (then the Gold Coast). He settled in Zimbabwe (then Rhodesia) in 1955 and fell in love with the country. His first job was in the Department of Information, but he was quickly transferred to the Natural Resources board, where he organised wildlife education programmes. In 1960 he produced a 35-minute documentary which was shown on British television.

In 1963 Pile was appointed to the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organisation, and acted as its government adviser in Kenya. From 1970 to 1972 he headed the Luangwa Valley Conservation and Development Programme and was Chairman of the Wildlife Society of Zambia.

He returned to Zimbabwe in 1973 and threw himself into widlife projects, which culminated in his being made an executive director of the ZNCT in 1980. Pile's particular talent lay in raising public awareness of the issues, particularly in schools. He produced a series of books for children: *Endangered Species*, *Endangered Birds* and *Endangered Flowers* and engineered events such as Conservation Week and Conservation Sunday. Over the years he helped to write some of Robert Mugabe's speeches on conservation, and in 1985 was rewarded by being made the Zimbabwe Conservationist of the Year. He was also a regular on the international wildlife conference circuit.

Pile was a big man — he stood 6ft 4in. In the late 1980s he visited Britain and, due to a last-minute invitation, found himself in urgent need of full evening dress. Visiting a gentleman's outfitters in a state of some trepidation, he found there was no problem: he fitted perfectly into a suit which had been made for Terry Waite, and which was still awaiting collection.

Beneath his fiery temper, he was compassionate and sociable, and a good cook who liked to entertain. He lost one leg nine years ago, but remained a keen fisherman and ornithologist.

Pile was married for more than forty years to Nan who predeceased him. He is survived by their son.

Kenneth Fu

KENNETH H. FU, a lawyer whose efforts to improve working conditions in China during the 1920s and 1930s won him international recognition, died on June 24 aged 93.

After the communist takeover in 1949, Fu moved to Hong Kong and then Taiwan, where he served as legal counsel to the US embassy, the British consulate-general and the Philippine embassy.

Latterly he lived in America.

GERTRUDE TOTTENHAM

Gertrude Tottenham, traveller and Red Cross officer, died on June 16 aged 93. She was born in Arbroath in February 1900.

BETWEEN the first and second world wars Gertrude Tottenham was an inveterate world traveller and for her efforts during the second world war administering voluntary aid detachments in India she was made an Associate of the Royal Red Cross.

One of twin daughters born to David and Jane Corsar, Gertrude Tottenham was educated at Roedean and trained in horticulture at Studley Gardens. Her father, owner of wool and flax mills, not only provided a home of great luxury, but also instilled into his daughters a sense of adventure and a commitment to the well-being of the community. In 1922 the girls spent seven months travelling around the world — through Canada, New Zealand, Australia, and Japan, returning through many intervening islands by way of Singapore, Ceylon and Europe. On her return to Scotland Gertrude established a small home farm — one Jersey cow, a pig, goats, chickens and ducks, a donkey, dogs and cats. She worked alone and supplied neighbours with their dairy needs for five years. Conscious of her community, she became active in the Red Cross and ran a Wolf Cub pack.

In 1928 she travelled again, to what she described as "the wilds of Assam", staying with friends who were tea planters. She hunted with them, recalling shooting with a rifle from a kneeling position on an elephant. After four months she left Assam with only a bearer, who spoke no English, and trekked across India to Kashmir, spending six months climbing, walking and camping in the Himalayas.

Tottenham returned to England and made her home in Newbury. Determined to serve her own people she then trained with the Red Cross, passed her examinations, and worked in various hospitals and first-aid posts but as war loomed in 1937 she specialised in air raid prevention work and became a county instructor for Berkshire. However the immediate likelihood of war diminished, and she took herself off once more — to South Africa. Disembarking at Cape Town, she journeyed alone, often on horseback, up to Tanganyika, Kenya and the Congo, enjoying safari trips en route.

She flew home at a day's notice in 1938 when war seemed inevitable, and worked for the ARP supplying gas masks, and supervising building of air raid shelters. At the outbreak of war in 1939 she was mobilised to the military hospital in Aldershot with 146 other Voluntary Aid Detachment (VAD) medics and was quickly promoted to commandant. Two and a half years later she was posted to the military hospital in Chester in charge of several hundred VAD medics in Western Command.

Her next move was to take 250 of these girls to India. Six months later she was sent home to collect another 500, and so had 750 under her command. Tottenham was based at GHQ Delhi, but "Corsar", as she was known by the girls, toured all over India, Assam, and Burma caring for these nurses, who were working in over a hundred different hospitals and four hospital ships.

After the war she became Berkshire county director of the Red Cross for five years. In 1956 following the anti-communist uprising in Hungary she helped to run a Red Cross hostel for a hundred Hungarian refugees. Four years later she became divisional president of the Newbury Red Cross.

In 1969 she married Clive Tottenham, who predeceased her. She is survived by her twin sister, Dorothy Foster.



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New York, June 30

In a remarkably robust report to the Security Council, especially having regard to recent ironic political developments, U Thant, the Secretary-General, today surveys the work of the United Nations military operation in the Congo which ends today.

Over the past four years the United Nations has spent a total of $391,505,000 (about £136,200,000) on the unfulfilled task of pacifying the Congo—a task to which 45 countries have contributed their assessed shares. Arrears of contributions from the remaining 67 member states, including the Soviet Union and France, total £83m. (about £29m.). Meanwhile, the United Nations civil aid programme to the Congo which still continues has cost $51,500,000 (about £18,500,000) to date.

In manpower, 22 countries, none of them big powers, sent contingents which, because of frequent rotation, totalled more than 93,000. The casualty list is 126 killed in action, 75 in accidents, and 34 from natural causes, making a total of 235 dead. The biggest loss, of course, was the death of Dag Hammarskjold.

ON THIS DAY

July 1 1964

After 80 years of Belgian rule Congo was granted independence in 1960. At the outset the country was split into warring factions and the government called on the UN for assistance. Unrest continued up to and after the country changed its name to Zaire in 1971.

then Secretary-General, in an air crash on September 17, 1961.

In his report published today, U Thant says: "I make no prediction about the future course of events in the Congo ... It would seem to me that hope for the Congo in the future must depend upon fulfilment of two major and indispensable conditions:—

"(a) The retraining and reorganization of the national army, including the training of a substantial officer corps; and

"(b) the achievement of national reconciliation among the contending political leaders and factions of the country".

A point which U Thant refrains from making, but which seems valid, is that whatever else the United Nations did not achieve by its intervention, it did succeed in preventing the Congo from becoming the cockpit of warfare between the great powers.

There was a time, three years ago, when both the United States and Russia looked like being directly involved in the struggle. Today, apart from indirect abatement of rebellion by communist China, the big powers are not involved. For this the credit goes mainly to the United Nations.

The Secretary-General asserts that the overall record of the United Nations force in the Congo "has been distinguished. It has done its difficult job remarkably well ..."

On the political side, U Thant recalls that the organization's decision to intervene in the Congo was "directly in response to an urgent appeal from the government of a newly independent country. The United Nations at all times has scrupulously avoided intervention in the internal affairs of the country ...

Looked at in this light, the United Nations may well feel that it has done its best to preserve the integrity of the Congo and to promote the setting up of a government of national reconciliation.

Forget Peter Mayle: the true Provence addict follows the Marcel Pagnol trail. **Tony Rocca** reports

Jean de Florette, to the life

As the Peter Mayle industry rolls on drawing more and more happy first-time visitors in search of the rustic idyll, the French are enjoying their own bookish pleasures not 60 miles down the road, south of Aix.

A small but growing number of British visitors, whose interest in Provence was sparked by Mayle, are now joining the French, in the outer suburbs of Marseilles.

From this unlikely quarter come the tales of master story-teller Marcel Pagnol, one of the most-read of French authors. The surprising thing is that the pastoral life with all its cruel twists, which he described so vividly in works such as *Jean de Florette* and *Manon des Sources*, was conducted less than ten miles from the city whose gunbattles once earned it the sobriquet of the Chicago of Europe.

Another surprise is that it still exists. East of the city, squeezed between the mountainous Chaine de l'Etoile and the Massif de la Sainte-Baume, stretches the canvas on which Pagnol either found or imagined the threads which he wove into his stories. It is there today in all its innocence for the visitor to see: real-life villages such as Les Carnoins, which doubled as Les Ombrées in his fiction; La Ferme d'Angèle, now in ruins, at the foot of an outcrop known as Les Barres de Saint-Esprit where Pagnol himself once envisaged making a kind of Hollywood *à la Provençal* . . .

Retracing the stories has turned into an industry for the local tourist board in Augan, which provides official guides for groups wishing to hike around a five-hour circuit. However, from today until September 10 a prefectural ban forbids ramblers because of the risk of fire.

The mountains do not disappoint literary pilgrims, whether they pictured them in their imagination or saw them first on celluloid as the backdrop to Claude Berri's films of Pagnol's saga, shot here in 1986. Rustic locals with clanging accents are as inescapable as those essential Provençal odours of pastis and garlic. The beauty is quite breathtaking, too.

The highlight is undoubtedly the fictional village of les Bastides Blanches (in reality La Treille), a cluster of broken-roofed houses on top of a hill with its obligatory gnarled plane trees, cemetery and little square. Pagnol spent his summers here, away from the heat of Marseilles. His friend, Robert Durbec, still remembers how he used to say the delicate little fountain at its centre talked to itself. This was Manon's fountain in the original film version, which Pagnol himself shot in 1952. It still burbles away merrily.



Rustic idyll: a Provençal band (above) and Pagnol's friend Robert Durbec (below)





Mr Durbec is 68 now and quite content to tend his tomatoes and courgettes alongside the cemetery where Pagnol is buried. This is the last point of pilgrimage for the organised groups of schoolchildren (25,000 at the last count) who tour the circuit before boarding their buses back to Aubagne to see a small show, *Le Petit Monde de Marcel Pagnol*. It is all done with discretion, quite uncommercially.

Mr Durbec is still the proud guardian of his friend's history, however. If you are lucky he will recite a few well-remembered lines to recount the family's story, with a neat selection of anecdotes and twinkling eye, as he shows you around. "This is where he said their cart stopped and the fairy tale began, in 1904," he says, tapping the ground with his foot as the gentle evening light bathes Provence in warmth.

The writer was born in Aubagne but lived in Marseilles from the age of two, arriving in La Treille with his parents when he was nine. Pagnol went on to become an English professor, translator of Shakespeare, writer of stories, plays, filmscripts, and subsequently film producer, best remembered for introducing Fernandel to an adoring public in the thirties.

The remakes which have projected Pagnol's name beyond the boundaries of France were all shot in the region around La Treille, with extra footage filmed in Cuges les Pins, near Aubagne, and further afield at Mirabeau, north-east of Aix and Sommières, near Nîmes. The film crew stayed in the little town of Gémenos, a pretty spot just east of Aubagne which makes an excellent touring base. The fishing village of Cassis is 15 minutes away; Aix is only a half-hour's drive.

Apart from being at the start of trails through the Massif de la Sainte-Baume, Gémenos boasts a magnificent château and ruined courtyard stables dating from Louis XIV. It makes a perfect antidote for anyone tired of the Mayle Trail.

Offices de Tourisme, 13400 Aubagne (010 33 4203 4998; Fax 4203 8362).

Opening up the package

Who will benefit if large tour firms take over the independents?

The Office of Fair Trading last week decided to investigate the trend towards "vertical integration" within the travel trade. A handful of large tour operators now not only publish most of the brochures from which holidays are chosen, but own the travel agencies who sell them.

As the movement gathers pace — Airtours bought another 200 outlets last month alone — some independent travel agencies fear that this could be the beginning of the end. Whereas the independent can choose which tour operator to recommend, the tied agency will be inclined to recommend the parent tour operator.

So what are the facts which the OFT will be confronting?

Of the top five agency chains, four are owned by three main tour operators. But out of more than 7,000 high street outlets, only 1,816 are owned by the big five. So 74 per cent of the UK travel agencies remain independent. However, in market share terms the top five account for 52 per cent of the market in package tours.

To the consumer looking for a bargain and good service when choosing a holiday, none of this matters. If the high street multiple travel agency is more convenient, that is where they will buy. If the independent gives more attentive advice and the price is the same, it will get the business.

In the immediate future the fears of the independents and of some consumers seems to be exaggerated.

Why should the giants wish to eliminate outlets which will still produce business for them even though such agents may understandably prefer to promote other tour operators' products? As for restricting displays of brochures, that is more likely to affect the smaller tour operators and to withhold brochures from the smaller agents would not make much sense.

So then, to the sharp end of the equation: discounts. Clearly this is a big factor in attracting customers. Yet, even with big price incentives supported by blanket advertising, 48 per cent of the travel market is represented by the independents. So the evidence is inconclusive. However, if it is made financially attractive to travel agency staff to discriminate in favour of the parent operators, that would come close to distortion of fair competition and, by implication, would be against the public interest.

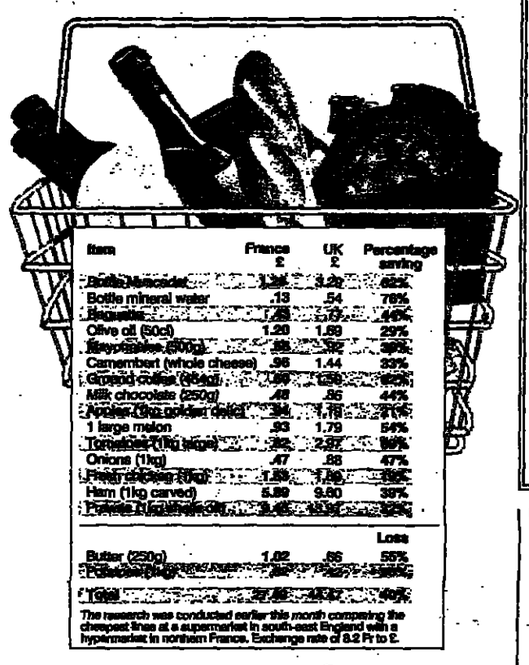
My prediction is that the OFT will rule that it must be clearly disclosed that a link exists between the tour operator and the agency. I also think that pressure will be brought to bear to discourage open incentives to staff and that a warning might be issued that further vertical integration would attract the attention of the Monopolies and Mergers Commission.

At this stage, compulsory divestment seems unlikely.

VIEWPOINT

ROBERT McCRINDLE





Item	France £	UK £	Percentage saving
Bottle Muscadet	1.24	3.20	61%
Bottle mineral water	.13	.54	76%
Baguette	1.25	2.19	43%
Olive oil (50cl)	1.20	1.69	29%
Raspberries (500g)	.85	1.52	44%
Camembert (whole cheese)	.96	1.44	33%
Ground coffee (454g)	1.99	4.59	57%
Milk chocolate (250g)	.49	.86	44%
Apples (1kg golden delic)	.94	1.79	47%
1 large melon	.93	1.79	54%
Tomatoes (1kg ripe)	.99	2.97	66%
Onions (1kg)	.47	.88	47%
Fresh chicken (1kg)	1.89	1.99	5%
Ham (1kg carved)	5.99	9.80	39%
Potatoes (1kg new)	.94	1.79	47%
			Loss
Butter (250g)	1.02	.86	55%
Potatoes (1kg old)	.94	.79	16%
Total	17.89	32.51	45%

The research was conducted earlier this month comparing the cheapest lines at a supermarket in south-east England with a hypermarket in northern France. Exchange rate of 8.2 Fr to £.

How to feast on lower prices

For those who savour the delights of alfresco eating, a picnic across the channel could not only provide access to the cornucopia of French produce, but cost considerably less than a similar meal in Britain.

A shopping basket of readily available goodies, sufficient to feed even the hungriest family, could be bought in France for £27.49 compared with £44.47 in the UK.

The disparity in price is one of the main attractions of taking a self-catering holiday in France where the savings would be bigger the longer the stay.

Allez France (0903 745793), a leading specialist in self-catering holidays in France, bought a range of ready-to-eat items in both countries and found that many were less than half the price across the channel than they were in England.

"France's reputation for being expensive is clearly undeserved," David Weston, Allez France's marketing manager, says. "Our research demonstrates that food and drink actually cost considerably less in France than at home, representing excellent value for self-catering holidaymakers."

HARVEY ELLIOTT

Off to the Loire for le weekend

A Continental weekend break is becoming more popular as improvements in road and sea links open up areas once considered too far for a short visit.

For years people have hopped over to France, rarely venturing far inland, content simply with the food and ambience on or near the coast.

The Channel tunnel will undoubtedly bring destinations further afield within reach, but the advent of the tunnel has also brought a determination among ferry operators to combat its attractions, both on the short crossings and longer routes.

P & O European Ferries, for example, has brought faster ferries onto the Dover-Calais route, and has also seized the chance to provide better services to Le Havre and Cherbourg, opening up even the Loire to the weekend break.

In April this year, P & O introduced the largest ferry to operate from Britain, — the 37,500 gross tonnage Pride of Bilbao — which will ply from Portsmouth. Its main function is to cruise to Bilbao (taking 28 hours 30 minutes), but the ship, which has saunas, pools and conference rooms on board, also augments the service to Cherbourg at weekends.

With the introduction of a Club Class on this and its other ferries, P & O offers, for a small supplement, a steward service in more peaceful surroundings than the rest of the ship.

Just as the ferry operators are providing a better service to France, so hoteliers are seeking to exploit a potentially expanding market.

A weekend on the Loire, pottering among the vineyards, may seem an unlikely prospect, but it is increasingly practicable. Many of the hotels are a history lesson in themselves. The Hotel Chateau de Rochecotte, for example, was originally a château built for Prince Talleyrand in the early 19th century, and became his favourite residence. It is situated at St Patrice, between Tours and Saumur (tel: 47.96.91.28).

To make it truly a break, the weekend needs to begin with an overnight crossing on Thursday or early on Friday in order to arrive in the Loire by evening.

Of the French ports, Caen (operated by Brittany Ferries) is the nearest to the Loire, a journey of three to four hours, followed by Le Havre, St Malo, and Cherbourg, where the length of the Cotentin peninsula adds another one-and-a-half to two hours to a Continental break.

CHRISTOPHER WARMAN

The fair older fare

AIR UK (0345 666777) is offering a £60 return fare to over-60s flying off-peak between London Gatwick and Edinburgh and Glasgow until October 23. The fare is valid Monday to Thursday and the journey must include a Saturday night stay.

ON Sovereign Sailing (0293 599944) holiday breaks to the Greek islands you can learn to skipper a yacht, windsurf, dinghy sail and mountain bike. Yachters spend one week ashore on a Royal Yachting Association course before taking the helm abroad their own boat. Price for two weeks in the Peloponnese start from £585 per person.

FRENCH and Italian Expressions (071-794 1480) has fly-drive trips with departures on any day of the week. Seven nights bed and breakfast at the Château de Noirieux, 15 miles from Angers and with its own swimming-pool, tennis court and restaurant, is £576 per person fly-drive.

LOSEHILL Hall Holidays (0433 620373) has some places available at Castleton in the Peak District this month, including Landscape Painting for Beginners (£255 for seven nights) and Legends and Traditions of the Peak District (£272 for seven nights).

CLIENTS booking with Silk Cut Travel (0730 266561) for a week's holiday at the Royal Garden Resort, Pattaya, or the Royal Garden Village, Hua Hin, Thailand, qualify for a free second week between now and November 30. Prices start from £685 in Pattaya and include transfers.

VISITORS to the Indian Ocean Beach Club, south of Mombasa, can spend 14 nights for £599 per person including bed and breakfast, personal valet and one night safari, with Tropical Places (0342 825123). Departures are from Gatwick.

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Greeks share tragedy of the Balkans war

Eve-Ann Prentice visits the treasure spots of northern Greece which have been hit by a huge fall in tourists

The repercussions of the war in Yugoslavia are being felt across the border in northern Greece, where the tourist industry is losing large numbers of visitors and vast sums of revenue.

In the past, many travellers to Macedonia would drive there through Yugoslavia, but the war in the Balkans has barred that route. While there has been an increase in arrivals by air, it has not been enough to maintain tourism levels. Hoteliers estimate that they face losing 30 per cent of their business this year.

The main tourist developments are at Khalkidhiki — a Neptune's trident of three peninsulas south-east of the regional capital's airport at Thessaloniki.

The reduction in the number of visitors means that this area of almost palpable history is even more worth visiting this year, when it can be viewed with more of the tranquillity that the ancient world deserves. This is the land Alexander the Great, king of Macedon, who conquered Greece, Egypt and the Persian Empire and founded Alexandria.

Macedonia is bordered to the west by Albania, Kosovo and Serbia to the north, and Bulgaria to the east. It is as different from the traditional image of Greece — crowded white-washed islands — as The Hebrides are to Hastings.

While Athens and the Aegean Islands feel as if their spirit is drawn from the southeastern Mediterranean, Macedonia takes its ethos from the Balkans and central Europe.

Cornfields and lush green vegetation prove that it also rains more here, giving Macedonia none of the water shortages that can make Greek island bathrooms such an ordeal. Hotels large and small are clustered along Kassandra, the most westerly of Khalkidhiki's peninsulas, about 90 minutes' drive from Thessaloniki. The tongue of land is dotted with villages strung together by a ribbon of road which winds among gentle hills of corn, pine trees and fruit bushes.

The hotels and hotel-front beaches are just on the comfortable side of busy. However, there are stretches of almost empty sand stretching away from the immediate vicinity of the hotels. The sand is a little gravelly, but the sea is stunningly clean.

The middle prong of the fork, Sithonia, is greener than Kassandra and tourist development there is in its infancy. The third peninsula, meanwhile, is one of the most famous — yet secretive — places in the world. Mount Athos is home to about 800 Orthodox monks and some of the greatest Byzantine treasures to be found.

Women are forbidden from stepping foot on the monks' terrain: even female animals are banned, though how the monks deal with female insects is a mystery the tour guides love to dwell on. Male visitors are sometimes allowed, but an application for admittance must be lodged at least ten days in advance. Women as well as men can get within almost a stone's throw of this male preserve by taking a full-day cruise from Kassandra for about £27.

However, the richest experiences of a trip to Macedonia for anyone even vaguely interested in history involve fairly lengthy treks from Kassandra to the sites of the palace and burial grounds of the 4th-century BC Macedonian kings, the Archaeological Museum in Thessaloniki, and a breathtaking prehistoric cave at Petralona.

The cave, which has three main chambers, is a wonderland of stalagmites and stalactites. The visitor's path through the cave's mysterious three main chambers is carefully illuminated by half-hidden lights and feels like a Hollywood set for *Journey to the Centre of the Earth*.

The first tombs of Macedonian kings were unearthed in the late 1970s, and many more are believed to be awaiting discovery among the rich arable countryside around Vergina, nearly three hours' drive from Kassandra. Massive and elaborate marble doors seal the underground burial places, which compare with the Egyptian pyramids for the richness of the frescos and the treasures that have been found within.

> Delicate gold crowns, drinking vessels, shields and jewellery give evidence of an awe-inspiring civilisation

The contents of the tombs — including the skeleton of Alexander the Great's father, Philip II — now form a stunning exhibition at the Archaeological Museum in Thessaloniki. Shimmering and delicate gold crowns, drinking vessels, shields and jewellery give evidence of an awe-inspiring civilisation.

Tjaereborg provide packages thoughout the area. Two weeks at the Kassandra Palace Hotel, for instance, costs £409 per person at this time of year. However, those lacking the energy or inclination to make the fairly arduous trips to Vergina and other sites can find the perfect lazy holiday on the peninsulas of Khalkidhiki. There are ample cheap bars and restaurants within yards of most hotels and along the beach fronts.

● *For details telephone Tjaereborg (Crawley: 0293 554444; Manchester: 061-236 9511; or Birmingham: 021-200 2920)*

CASSIDY AND LEIGH



Come kiss me: romance blossoms in the airport lounge as the Well Cast Theatre company perform a snatch of Shakespeare

ALL THE world's a stage at Gatwick next month, and all the men and women merely players (*Marianne Curphy writes*). They have their exits and their entrances in the lifts, on the escalator, at the arrivals terminal and by the shops.

The airport has recruited a theatre company to keep families entertained with excerpts from Shakespeare as they wait for planes to take them from this scepter'd isle to undiscovered countries during the weekend peak holiday season in July and August.

The actors, dressed in Elizabethan costume, will tour the two terminals beguiling fine gentlemen and sweet ladies with five-minute comic extracts by the bard. Along with "a tedious brief scene of young Pyramus and his love Thisbe" from *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, the Well Cast Theatre Company have a repertoire of 'sketches' from *Hamlet, Pericles, The Merchant of Venice, Much Ado About Nothing* and *Antony and Cleopatra*.

Susannah Eaton Brooke, Well Cast's director, says: "Shakespearean plays are full of comedy scenes and should be fun to watch. Shakespeare was the Andrew Lloyd Webber of his time — a great favourite with audiences.

"We want to get the message across that he isn't just a boring playwright studied by dry academics."

Spanish homes face tax bills

THOUSANDS of Brit ons who own holiday homes in Spain could face hefty fines if they failed to pay the country's newly-assessed taxes by yesterday's deadline, *Marianne Curphey writes*.

The Spanish government is to clamp down on what it claims is widespread tax avoidance by foreign nationals who own property in the country.

Legislation to close loopholes and penalise tax evaders came into effect last month, with fines of up to £10,000 for non-payment. This comes as many Britons are discovering hidden mortgages on their homes, often taken out by previous owners, as reported in *The Times* on June 17.

The foreign owners of 400,000 properties in Spain and its islands have three separate taxes to pay: wealth tax, local property tax, and income tax, which is now to be assessed under new rules.

Only 20 per cent of property owners are officially classed as resident. All owners, including those who spend less than 183 days on Spanish territory — beyond which they would be classed as permanent residents — have to pay tax on either the rateable value of their homes, or the value in the title deeds, whichever is higher. A new ruling also requires non-residents to appoint a local representative to pay municipal property taxes on their behalf.

The Spanish government is also tackling the previously widespread practice of tax evasion by some resident and non-resident buyers who had transferred the ownership of their property to companies based in Gibraltar or on an island.

Per Svensson, of the Alicante-based Institute of Foreign Property Owners, says: "These laws are highly controversial and our members are furious."

Many foreign owners feel they are being used to provide an easy source of income for the Spanish government. Kate Mentink, of the institute in Majorca, one of the holiday-home locations most popular with the British, said: "Some people have ignored all the warnings about the new law, in the belief that they will not be caught."

A spokesman for the Spanish Embassy in London said: "The government believes that someone who can afford a second home in a foreign country is not poor. It is not targeting non-residents in order to solve its financial problems but we do expect people to pay their taxes. They are not unfairly high."

Boeing, Boeing, nearly gone



End of an era: the Boeing 737, an increasingly rare sight for charter flight travellers

The Boeing 737, the aircraft that introduced a generation to jet travel, is a much less common sight on the crowded airlanes to the Mediterranean this summer.

The best-selling commercial jet of all time, the stubby twin plane has been the backbone of holidaymakers' charter flights to the sun for a quarter of a century. But it is now giving way to the bigger Boeing 757s, 767s and the Airbus A320 in the fleet lists of Britain's holiday airlines.

Two years ago, there were 98 737s listed for charter operators from Britain; this year, there are just 23 out of a total charter fleet of 107. Next year, the 737 total will stand at about nine.

The existing 737 variants cannot compete with the economics of rivals over long range, and as the public looks for holidays in far away places that are ever further away, its time in the sun is almost over.

This week, Boeing announced that it is to press ahead with yet another version — the 737X — which will have a new wing and bigger, more efficient engines, to enable it better to compete with the A320. However, even if, as expected, sufficient airlines order the 737X, the first delivery will not be made until 1997.

In the meantime, the most dramatic fleet switch is due at

> The workhorse of charter flights, the 737, is being phased out of service

Britannia Airways, the world's largest charter airline, which was the first to introduce the 737-200 version to Europe in 1968.

This is the last summer for the carrier's remaining 14 737s, which will be retired from the Britannia fleet next April. The airline has added seven 757s to its fleet of five; another seven are due in early 1994. "It means we will have fewer aircraft with more seats, greater range and more efficiency," Richard Hedges, Britannia's spokesman, says.

With a charter capacity of 235 seats versus the 737's 130, the 757 is well-suited to short- and medium-haul flights to the Mediterranean and has the range to operate transatlantic flights from Britain's regional airports on what the airlines call "long thin routes" to destinations such as Orlando, Florida.

The aircraft's larger brother, the 767, with a seating capacity of 282 in charter configuration, offers even longer range, and is flown by Britannia as far as Australia.

Although 737s have been in service with the airline for 25 years, the last delivery was in 1984 and the aircraft are by no means old by industry standards. Some will be parked in the deserts of California until the market for used aircraft picks up, but most will find homes with other scheduled airlines.

The 737 is still in production and 35 orders have been chalked up by Boeing this year, bringing the total sales for the aircraft in all markets to 3,046, with more than 550 which still have to be delivered. The 737 remains the global champion in terms of airline popularity.

CHRIS LOCKWOOD

TRAVELOGS

Hotels of the year

THE Far East swept the board in this year's competition to find the hotel of the year.

The top five hotels, announced yesterday in London, were the Shangri-La in Singapore followed by the Conrad, Hong Kong, the Sheraton Towers, Singapore, the Regent, Bangkok and the Shangri-La Bangkok.

The top European hotel was Le Grand in Paris and the best British hotel was the Copthorne Tara, Kensington, London.

The awards are made by *Executive Travel* magazine and Utell International, the world's largest international hotel reservations and marketing company.

United theme

ALTON Towers is to join forces with a number of European theme parks in an attempt to stave off competition from Euro Disney.

The five members of the newly formed Great European Theme Park Association (GEPTA) are Alton Towers, Efteling in Holland, Parc Asterix in France, Europapark in Germany, and Liseberg in Sweden. They had 9.8 million visitors against Disney's 10.6 million last year, and are to join forces to co-ordinate pan-European promotions.

The association will pool information on costs, statistics and information technology.

Travel News is edited by Harvey Elliott

Waxing lyrical about this year's model

The Singapore Girl is a global icon, appearing at Madame Tussaud's

London's leading tourist attraction, Madame Tussaud's, has paid the ultimate tribute to an icon of the travel industry, the Singapore Girl. Singapore Airline's most flaunted female is now fully fledged as a waxwork, on display since last week in Madame Tussaud's entrance lobby, where she can be found studying one of the gallery's guidebooks as if she were herself one of the two million visitors Tussaud's receives every year.

Madame Tussaud's recoils at the idea that the new recruit to its waxy world might have been sponsored. "We always select and approach the subjects we want, and there is never any question of payment, in either direction," says Juliet Simkins, head of Tussaud's press and publicity.

"Our latest research showed that almost three-quarters of our visitors from overseas arrive in Britain by air, including a growing number from Asia. As people are travelling more and more by air, we felt we should represent that as well."

The Singapore Girl was chosen, she explained, because Singapore Airlines has consistently used her in its advertising for more than two decades. The airline has spent nearly £310 million on Singapore Girl advertising campaigns since they started in 1972, and has budgeted another £40 million this year alone.



Double act: Lim Suet Kwee (left) with her wax model

Dressed in the airline's uniform, a batik sarong kebaya designed by the French couturier, Pierre Balmain, the Singapore Girl has been seen on television, in cinemas, posters and newspaper advertisements, not only cosseting customers, but also visiting many of the world's most exotic locations. "She has become," Miss Simkins says, "a global icon."

Lim Suet Kwee, the flight attendant who modelled for Madame Tussaud's wax sculptors, was chosen for the task from about 50 of the airline's pulchritudinous crew members. Her likeness — one of only six Asians among the 350 or so figures on display — is destined to move around the exhibition from time to time, guidebook in hand.

The Singapore Girl is also, though, the subject of some criticism back home, where some complain that she is a sexist symbol of feminine subservience, overdue for abolition. "Just how many more Singapore Airlines stewardesses must be molested in-flight before the airline reduces the free flow of alcoholic drinks to passengers?" demanded a recent column by Tan Sai Siong in Singapore's English-language *Straits Times*.

The article was written after a German metal worker was fined about £800 for hugging a stewardess on a flight from Frankfurt, and a Sri Lankan was fined £400 for punching a Singapore Airlines steward who told him to stop ogling one of the female members of his cabin crew.

ROBIN YOUNG

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THE TIMES TODAY

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NEWS

Fraud office forged Steel letter

■ Sir Nicholas Lyell, the attorney-general, admitted yesterday that a staff member of the Serious Fraud Office had forged a letter in the name of Sir David Steel, the Liberal Democrat foreign affairs spokesman, during one of its City enquiries. It had been a hoax, he said.

Sir David's intervention, in a statement raising new questions about the office's behaviour, came only minutes after Sir Nicholas appeared to have defused allegations by Michael Mates concerning the Asil Nadir case.....**Pages 1, 2, 16, 17**

Supergun anthrax shells for Israel

■ The Iraqi supergun, in which President Saddam Hussein attempted to involve a number of British companies, had been designed so that he could fire one-tonne anthrax shells at Tel Aviv.....**Pages 1, 4, 12**

BR loses £164m

British Rail announced a £164 million loss for the year. Sir Bob Reid, the chairman, said yesterday that more money was needed to prevent the deterioration of the network.....**Pages 1, 24**

Rabies victim

Briton Mark Sell, 32, who had a morbid fear of injections, died a terrifying death from rabies after being bitten by a friend's dog in the Far East. He recorded his last days in a diary.....**Page 3**

Reforming Italy

A new electoral reform bill, which will introduce a mainly British-style, first-past-the-post voting system, has been approved by the Italian Chamber of Deputies in a big step towards the elimination of political corruption.....**Page 11**

City ringed

Police will cordon the City of London at the weekend manning six check points, closing every other road or turning them into exits, to foil IRA bombers who have twice devasted the area in the past 14 months.....**Page 5**

Defence warning

The Commons defence committee warned the government yesterday that Britain must be prepared to take part in more United Nations peacekeeping missions and to maintain forces sufficient for those needs.....**Page 12**

Teachers wanting

School inspectors, in a report published by the Office for Standards in Education, have revealed that one in ten new teachers is inadequate in the classroom and unsuited to the profession.....**Page 7**

News alert

The Independent Television Commission has warned 15 regional ITV companies that they may be in breach of their licence conditions if they move *News at Ten* to an earlier time.....**Page 4**

Fraudster jailed

Michael Hunt, 59, who helped to siphon off nearly £140 million from Nissan UK profits, defrauding the Inland Revenue of £55 million, was jailed yesterday for eight years.....**Page 3**

Colonial fears

Hong Kong banks are predicting falls in the colony's gross national product as the Chinese, who are prime depositors, start to withdraw funds to the mainland because of Peking's continuing economic difficulties.....**Page 13**

Brandt plot

Markus Wolf, the former East German spymaster on trial for treason, yesterday accused West German agents of conspiring in the early 1970s to overthrow the chancellor, Willy Brandt.**Page 11**

Arms dump raided

Another of General Muhammad Farrah Aidid's arms dumps in the Somali capital, Mogadishu, came under missile attack from American Cobra helicopters yesterday.....**Page 12**

Clean-living pensioner for 53 years

■ Daisy Adams, Britain's oldest woman and war widow whose husband was killed by a sniper in 1915, celebrated her 113th birthday in a Derbyshire nursing home yesterday and credited her longevity to clean living — no alcohol or cigarettes. The country's oldest man, Bill Proctor, a former boilerman from the Wirral, was 108 this week.....**Page 7**



ALAN WELLER

Winning way: Gabriel's Wharf, a previously successful scheme, sets the pattern for this year's Community Enterprise Awards, organised by *The Times* and launched yesterday at the Coin Street Community Builders in southeast London. Page 7

Over there: Hanson, the industrial conglomerate, launched its biggest American deal with an agreed $3.2 billion all-share offer for Quantum Chemical Corporation.....**Page 23**

Bank warning: Eddie George, who begins his term as governor of the Bank of England today, warned MPs yesterday against the idea of politically inspired interest rate cuts.....**Page 23**

Markets: Shares closed at the day's highest levels, with the FT-SE 100 index registering a 14-point rise to 2,900.0. After a recent strong run sterling was mixed against leading currencies closing down .62 cents at $1.5005 but .15 pfennigs higher at DM2.5516.....**Page 26**

Cricket: England will be looking to the pitch at Trent Bridge, Nottingham, to offer their bowlers some much-needed assistance when the third Test match with Australia starts today.....**Page 40**

Rugby union: Gerald Davies, a member of the 1971 Lions, recalls a famous tour and reflects on the challenge that lies ahead before the decisive third international against the All Blacks in Auckland this weekend.....**Page 38**

Rowing: Women will be breaking down another male-dominated sporting bastion when they reappear at Henley Royal Regatta this week after an absence of 11 years.....**Page 39**

Increasingly sidelined: The British Medical Association, mouthpiece for the nation's doctors, has lost its way, Jeremy Laurance reports.....**Page 15**

Political lives: Robert Blake admires John Campbell's critical biography of Sir Edward Heath, while Peter Riddell reviews the first account of John Smith's path to leadership.....**Pages 36, 37**

Excellent value: For the alfresco eaters, a picnic across the channel could cost considerably less than the same in Britain.....**Page 20**

De Niro in love: New film releases this week include *Mad Dog and Glory*, in which Robert De Niro forsakes his usual role as a mean-streets psychotic to play a social misfit who fumbles his way towards true love.....**Page 33**

Back in the surf: The veterans of Californian pop, the Beach Boys, splashed into Wembley with a concert that sent "good vibrations" through a vast crowd of nostalgic fans. Also reviewed: Chris Isaak at Hammersmith Apollo.....**Page 34**

Kirov first night: Reviving the original choreography to Prokofiev's ballet *Romeo and Juliet*, the Kirov Ballet opened its five-week season at the London Coliseum.....**Page 35**



Sir Patrick Sheehy, chairman of BAT, who made some startling suggestions in his report yesterday on Britain's police forces
Pages 1, 9



Andre Agassi, the reigning Wimbledon champion, ended his title defence yesterday when the No. 1 seed, Pete Sampras, beat him in five sets
Page 44



Jean-Marie Le Pen, leader of the French National Front, whose planned visit to Edinburgh had been cancelled, has failed to switch the trip to Dublin

THE TIMES TOMORROW

New sex headaches ahead

■ The days of the 0898 sexlines are strictly numbered, but will the transmission of videos and films over telephone lines present fresh headaches?

History on the rugby field

■ Rob Andrew, the Lions and England fly-half, on the preparations for an historic encounter with the All Blacks in Auckland on Saturday

Paris, Pissarro-style

■ The Royal Academy unveils its Pissarro exhibition of thirty superb Impressionist paintings of French cities

The peddlars and magicians who entertain long-distance bus passengers in India are featured in *Diamonds in the Vegetable Market* (BBC2, 9.30pm).....**Page 43**

Backwards to Belgium

The Belgian presidency aims to make the outbreak of common sense at Copenhagen look like an illusion to soothe Mr Major's restless backbenchers.....**Page 17**

Fat blue line

There is a danger that these proposals, if ham-fistedly implemented, will give Britain neither the merits of a national police service nor those of fully decentralised police forces.....**Page 17**

Liquid asset

The Thames should be more than an inconvenient conduit conveying dirty water backwards and forwards through the city.....**Page 17**

WILLIAM REES-MOGG

I have commissioned a report on the situation and prospects of EC plc from a leading firm of investment analysts. The firm, GDAM (Gloom and Doom Asset Management), has considerable experience of work on large, bureaucratic and unsuccessful conglomerates, and is regarded as the best.....**Page 16**

JANET DALEY

Where Pontius Pilate was a cynic, those who insist now that truth is always relative because facts can always be interpreted in different ways, are more likely to be idealists. And there are few areas where idealism merges more imperceptibly with wishful thinking than in discussion of the causes of crime.....**Page 16**

A list of priorities is set out for national leaders within the European Community.....**Page 17**

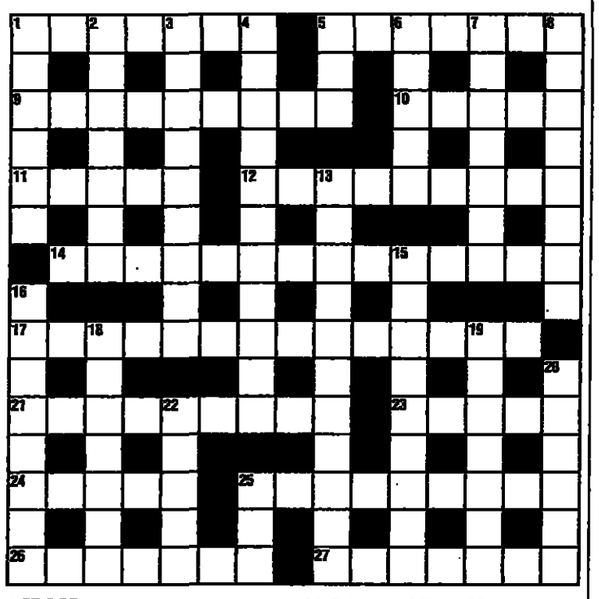
Here's a prediction that we hope proves to be wrong: the annual summit meeting of industrialised nations will be little more than a glorified photo opportunity.

Los Angeles Times

So far as we know, there was no need to strike Iraq before a more compelling case had been developed. Why couldn't Washington have waited for the conclusion of the Kuwait trials, which might have presented persuasive evidence to a watching world, and then brought its case to the UN?

The New York Times

THE TIMES CROSSWORD NO 19,271



ACROSS

1 Cause alarm for each boat round the river (7).
5 Flaw perhaps in success of a Simple Simon (7).
9 Stage is overdue — bring in the law (9).
10 Cinema in the Square (5).
11 By concerted effort added to the score (5).
12 Best part of the full moon? (9).
14 Most representative of a Piccadilly thoroughfare (4-4,6).
17 Slow progress in the Dean's work? (6,2,6).
21 Defeat due to lapse in the field (9).
23 Secure, holding the end of the lead (5).
24 Leader of the guard is missing for a minute (5).
25 With a pineapple, say, a woman will concoct a big surprise (9).
26 Sphere could be gold? (7).
27 Tender lines suitable for tiny tots (7).

DOWN

1 Having a drink in a bar, it pays to be this (6).
2 Big row promoted by soldiers with one gun between them (7).
3 Awkward sort of bend in sink full, perhaps (9).
4 High wave of interest to one seeking deposits (11).
5 High explosive containing a blob of weedkiller (3).
6 Rose may be buttonholed here when canvassing (5).
7 Argue to show scheme is about right (7).
8 Treat act in a way as reading matter (8).
13 War Office chap supports benign old lady (11).
15 The system for one who has to sum up (9).
16 Police disposed to take directions for a time (8).
18 Oddly rate the Phoenix for example (7).
19 Don't interfere with the freedom to exist (5,2).
20 Welsh girl is completely put down (6).
22 Simple like Hodgson's old gypsy man say (5).
25 Still a target for auditors (3).

Solution to Puzzle No 19,270

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	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.33	2.13
Austria Sch	19.00	17.50
Belgium Fr	56.56	51.15
Canada $	2.05	1.89
Denmark Kr	10.42	9.62
Finland Mkk	9.18	8.38
France Fr	9.08	8.38
Germany Dm	2.69	2.49
Greece Dr	362.00	337.00
Hong Kong $	12.35	11.35
Ireland Pt	1.095	1.015
Italy Lire	2410.00	2265.00
Japan Yen	178.25	159.25
Netherlands Gld	3.02	2.79
Norway Kr	11.37	10.57
Portugal Esc	253.40	235.40
South Africa Rd	5.90	5.10
Spain Pta	201.00	186.00
Sweden Kr	12.18	11.38
Switzerland Fr	2.39	2.21
Turkey Lira	16900.0	15900.0
USA $	1.603	1.473

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WEATHER

Most areas should start dry, but it will be cloudy along the east coast of England. Cloud and rain will soon spread into west Scotland and Northern Ireland, with brighter weather to follow. The rest of England and Wales will remain dry although it will be cloudy at times. There may be a thundery shower over southern counties later. Outlook: unsettled with outbreaks of rain, especially in north, but many southern parts will remain dry.

MIDDAY: t=thunder; d=drizzle; fg=fog; s=sun; sl=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain

	C	F			C	F	
Ajaccio	28	82	s	Majorca	27	81	s
Alicante	28	82	s	Malaga	32	90	s
Alexandria	29	82	s	Malta	32	90	s
Algiers	31	88	s	Mallorca	13	55	r
Amst'dm	23	73	s	Mexico C*	19	66	r
Athens	28	82	s	Miami*	34	93	r
Bahrain	35	95	s	Milan	24	75	s
Bangkok	32	90	t	Montreal*	21	70	r
Barcelna	23	73	t	Moscow	20	68	r
Beirut	28	79	r	Munich	22	72	s
Belgrade	24	75	r	Nairobi	20	68	c
Berlin	22	72	s	Naples	28	82	s
Biarritz	17	63	c	N Delhi	37	99	s
Borde'x	19	66	c	N York*	26	79	s
Brussels	26	79	s	Nice	25	77	s
Budapst	25	77	r	Oslo	22	72	s
B Aires*	17	63	s	Paris	22	72	r
Cairo	31	88	s	Peking	29	84	s
Cape Tn	17	63	s	Perth	15	59	r
Chicago*	24	75	s	Prague	22	72	r
Ch'church	6	43	s	Reykjavik	7	45	r
Cologne	25	79	s	Rhodes	28	82	s
C'pnhgn	23	73	s	Rio de J	32	90	s
Corfu	28	82	s	Riyadh	42	108	r
Dublin	15	59	c	Rome	26	79	r
Dubrovnik	26	79	s	Salzburg	22	72	s
Faro	27	81	r	S F'risco*	21	70	s
Florence	27	81	r	Santiago*	14	57	s
Frankfurt	26	79	s	S Paulo*	24	75	c
Funchal	21	70	c	Seoul	19	66	r
Geneva	21	70	r	St'kholm	21	70	s
Gibraltar	28	82	s	Strasb'rg	25	77	s
Helsinki	18	64	r	Sydney	15	59	r
Hong K	30	86	c	Tangier	23	73	s
Innsbruck	25	77	s	Tel Aviv	29	84	s
Istanbul	24	75	s	Tenerife	24	75	s
Jeddah	36	97	s	Tokyo	21	70	r
Jo'burg*	16	61	s	Toronto*	20	68	c
Karachi	34	93	c	Tunis	31	88	s
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Lisbon	22	72	f	Venice	24	75	s
Locarno	22	72	c	Vienna	24	75	r
L Angels*	23	73	s	Warsaw	20	68	r
Luxembg	25	77	s	Wash'ton*	32	90	t
Luxor	37	99	s	Wel'ton	9	48	c
Madrid	26	79	f	Zurich	23	73	r

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Aberdeen	9.9	-	20	68	sunny
Anglesey	7.2	-	21	70	bright
Aviemore	5.3	-	25	77	bright
Belfast	0.4	0.01	21	70	rain
Birmingham	15.2	-	23	73	sunny
Bognor Regis	15.3	-	24	75	sunny
Bristol	10.4	-	24	75	sunny
Buxton	14.0	-	21	70	sunny
Cardiff	12.5	-	23	73	sunny
Clacton	13.6	-	19	66	sunny
Edinburgh	6.2	-	21	70	sunny
Eskdalemuir	6.0	-	24	75	sunny
Exmouth	10.7	-	21	70	sunny
Folkestone	15.0	-	21	70	sunny
Glasgow	6.4	-	23	73	bright
Hastings	14.7	-	23	73	sunny
Isle of Man	7.4	-	19	66	bright
Jersey	11.2	-	22	72	sunny
Kinloss	1.4	-	20	68	cloudy
Leeds	11.9	-	23	73	sunny
Lerwick	0.4	0.01	12	54	rain
Littlehampton	14.8	-	24	75	sunny
Liverpool	12.5	-	22	72	sunny
London	14.4	-	22	72	sunny
Manchester	15.3	-	23	73	sunny
Morecambe	11.5	-	23	73	sunny
Newcastle	15.5	-	23	73	sunny
Nottingham	15.2	-	22	72	sunny
Penzance	10.0	-	20	68	sunny
Salcombe	11.6	-	19	66	sunny
Saunton Snd	8.8	-	23	73	sunny
Scarborough	14.3	-	19	66	sunny
Scilly Isles	11.4	-	19	66	sunny
Shanklin	12.5	-	20	68	sunny
Stornoway	-	0.87	15	59	rain
Teignmouth	11.8	-	21	70	sunny
Tenby	8.1	-	20	68	sunny
Tiree	0.5	0.41	15	59	rain
Weymouth	13.0	-	21	70	sunny
Wick	4.4	0.01	14	57	cloudy
Worthing	14.0	-	24	75	sunny

These are Tuesday's figures

London 8.51 pm to 4.18 am
Bristol 10.00 pm to 4.28 am
Edinburgh 10.31 pm to 4.02 am
Manchester 10.11 pm to 4.14 am
Penzance 10.05 pm to 4.47 am

Sun rises: 4.46 am | Sun sets: 9.21pm
Moon rises 7.10 pm | Moon sets 2.28 am

Full moon July 3

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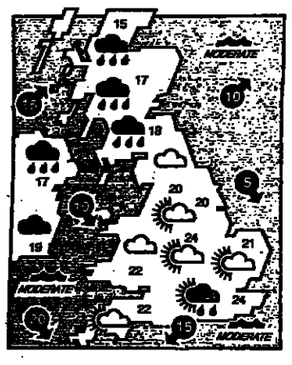
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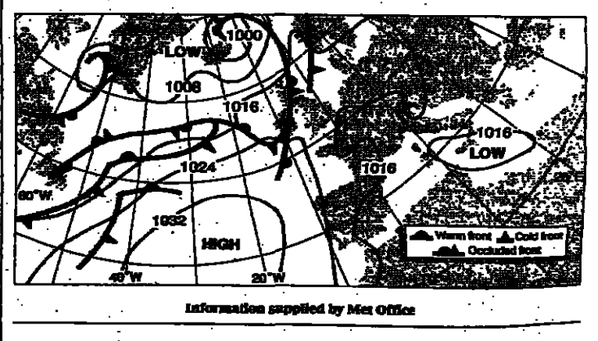
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Bristol	24	75	s	London	24	75	s
Cardiff	25	77	s	M'nchester	22	72	f
Edinburgh	15	59	c	Newcastle	19	66	f
Glasgow	17	63	c	R'nldsway	17	63	s





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Avonmouth	5.26	11.3	8.04	11.6	Margate	10.29	4.3	10.56	4.3
Belfast	9.32	3.3	10.07	3.3	Milford Haven	4.38	6.0	5.07	6.2
Cardiff	5.13	10.5	5.49	10.8	Newquay	3.32	6.0	4.02	6.2
Devonport	2.59	4.7	3.32	4.9	Oban	3.33	3.3	4.03	3.5
Dover	9.36	5.8	10.00	6.1	Penzance	3.06	4.7	3.37	4.9
Falmouth	3.29	4.5	4.02	4.7	Portland	3.58	1.6	4.42	1.8
Glasgow	11.08	4.3			Portsmouth	8.52	4.3	9.16	4.5
Harwich	10.24	3.6	10.52	3.7	Shoreham	9.45	5.4	10.10	5.6
Holyhead	8.58	5.0	9.26	5.1	Southampton	8.35	4.2	8.59	4.3
Hull	4.43	6.7	5.12	6.7	Swansea	4.35	8.1	5.09	8.3
Ilfracombe	4.18	7.9	4.50	8.1	Tees	1.57	4.8	2.27	4.9
King's Lynn	4.55	5.6	5.20	5.8	Wilton-on-Nze	10.21	3.8	10.46	3.9
Leith	12.46	4.9	1.22	5.0					



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US $	1.5005 (-0.0092)
German mark	2.5516 (+0.0029)
Exchange index	80.6 (-0.2)
Bank of England official close (4pm)	

STOCK MARKET

FT-SE 100	2900.0 (+14.0)
Dow Jones	3516.36 (-2.49)*
Nikkei Avge	19590.00 (+46.58)

INTEREST RATES

London Bank Base	6%
3-month Interbank	6⅛-5⅞%
US Federal Funds	3¼%*
3-month Treas Bills	3.03-3.02%*
Long Bond	6.70%*

CURRENCIES

New York:	London:
£:$ 1.4935*	£:$ 1.4940
$:DM 1.7040*	£:DM 2.5421
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London Forex market close

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London Fixing ($):
AM 379.00 PM 378.45
Close 378.50-379.00
New York:
Comex 378.35-378.85*

RETAIL PRICES

RPI 141.1 May (1.3%)

* Denotes midday trading price



Takeover magicians: analysts say the Quantum deal demonstrates that Lord Hanson, left, and Lord White have lost nothing of their flair

Hanson in $3.2bn US chemicals acquisition

BY COLIN CAMPBELL IN LONDON AND PHILIP ROBINSON IN NEW YORK

■ America's largest polyethylene maker Quantum Chemical became the latest victim of corporate raider Hanson in an all-share $3.2 billion agreed takeover

HANSON, the acquisitive industrial conglomerate, yesterday demonstrated its flair for mega-deals when Lord Hanson and Lord White, respective heads of the London and American divisions of the group, jointly announced a $3.2 billion American takeover.

Hanson is buying Quantum Chemical, America's largest manufacturer of polyethylene, the second-largest US retail distributor of propane gas and a leading manufacturer of industrial chemicals, with total assets on March 31 of $3.1 billion. The agreed takeover, Hanson's largest since the £3.3 billion acquisition of Consolidated Gold Fields in 1989, is being funded by the issue of 42 million American Depositary Shares at the rate of 1.176 for every Quantum Chemical share, equivalent to $20 a Quantum share. It will increase Hanson's issued capital by 4 per cent. Completion is likely to be around Hanson's September 30 year end.

Quantum's current debt totals $2.5 billion. Writing off goodwill and the assumption of debt will lift Hanson's gearing from 34 per cent to 80 per cent. The equity element of the takeover is $720 million, with the balance of the $3.2 billion represented by debt. The acquisition — which brings with it 8,700 employees, who have a 13 per cent stake in Quantum — requires the approval of two thirds of Quantum's shareholders.

Hanson expects the acquisition to be earnings-positive next year: its shares rose 4p to 226½p as analysts welcomed evidence that the company's takeover flair was undiminished. Lord Hanson said Quantum would be an important addition to the group's chemical interests. The acquisition was in line with the company's aim for the 1990s of building up its businesses "while being prepared to make major acquisitions" when opportunities arose.

Analysts said the deal demonstrated Hanson's talent for identifying businesses at, or near, the bottom of their cycles. Quantum reported net sales of $2.37 billion in 1992 but operating profits were only $61.4 million and there was a net loss of $287.5 million. Back in 1988, net sales were $2.92 billion, operating income $759.8 million and net income $382.7 million.

David Clarke, deputy chairman and chief executive of Hanson Industries, said there was vast potential for improvement in Quantum's performance. By the end of this year, Quantum is forecast to narrow net losses to $90 million. Mr Clarke said that simply by refinancing Quantum's debt from a 10 per cent interest level to Hanson's usual 5 per cent, $125 million could be saved.

The acquisition would lift Hanson's total US sales to $10 billion, representing 55 per cent of worldwide sales.

George warns against cuts in rates for political ends

BY JANET BUSH, ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT

EDDIE George, who begins his term as Governor of the Bank of England today, yesterday warned MPs against politically inspired interest rate cuts. He said he had seen instances of such things and would not shy away from disagreeing with the government publicly if he thought monetary policy was being mishandled.

In testimony to the influential Treasury and Civil Service Select Committee, he said that rate cuts made for political reasons, a charge recently laid against John Major's government by Norman Lamont, as outgoing Chancellor, had a "corrosive influence".

Mr George has already shown a public assertiveness not common with Robin Leigh-Pemberton, the outgoing Governor, in a speech warning Kenneth Clarke, even as he was made Chancellor, not to cut interest rates. He said yesterday: "If there was a very radical disagreement. . .an important disagreement we are totally certain of our ground . . . our first option would be to allow our view to be publicly known."

He told the committee he did not favour any particular model for a future independent central bank, although he said there had to be a mechanism to make the bank accountable. He said the main thing he wanted was control over short-term interest rates, the key part of a mandate from the government to ensure price stability.

On the day Mr George was announced as the new Governor in January, the government issued a statement giving the Bank a central role in supporting the government's drive to bring down inflation. Yet, days later, Bank officials were clearly caught off guard by a rate cut ordered by Downing Street in the wake of very bad unemployment figures.

His testimony was watched closely by the City, which is gearing up for a show down between Mr George, a known and tested hardliner on inflation, and Mr Clarke, who has in all his public statements since taking up his position, made it clear that he is currently relaxed about inflation and is keen to promote growth in the economy.

The test of Mr George's ability, without the ammunition of central bank independence from political control, to stand up to a self-confessed political Chancellor, may, however, not come for some time with inflationary pressures subdued.

Far from expressing fears about renewed inflation, Mr George reiterated the view of the Bank in its last Inflation Report that underlying inflation is likely to remain within the government's 1 to 4 per cent target range this year and next. He noted that long bond yields remained well above the current level of inflation, suggesting that the markets were not yet totally convinced that the government would keep inflation within its target range. He asserted that the current framework of monetary policy of monitoring a range of indicators had credibility with the markets but added: "But its credibility will only become totally established by performance."

Mr George reiterated his view that sterling was unlikely to rejoin the exchange-rate mechanism for some years, also Mr Clarke's view.

Mr George said that he wanted the Bank to continue to be more open and to develop "responsiveness to serious comment from outside".

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Ratners to become Signet Group



McAdam: chairman

BY MARTIN WALLER, DEPUTY CITY EDITOR

THE Ratners name could disappear from the high street as part of a redesign of the downmarket jewellery stores that bear the name of the former chairman of Ratners Group.

But even before that, Gerald Ratner's name will have gone from the holding company he built up in the 1980s before his departure last year. James McAdam, the chairman, has authorised the change of name to Signet Group.

Mr McAdam last night denied the name of the group had been changed out of embarrassment at the fate of his predecessor, whose downfall was sealed after highly-publicised remarks about the quality one of the products he was selling. Of the new name, his replacement merely joked: "It had a nice ring to it."

Compensation for Mr Ratner's departure is included in pre-tax losses for the year to January 30 of £40.1 million. Mr McAdam refused to say how much was paid out, but Mr Ratner has received unspecified benefits on top of a year's basic salary of £375,000.

The figures were delayed to allow negotiation of a new agreement with the banks.

The previous year Ratners lost £122.3 million before tax, although this included £98 million of one-off items. Exceptionals this time totalled £18 million. Some 54 shops are to close at a cost of about 160 jobs.

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Damaging the fiscal health of nations



IRWIN STELZER

Budget making turns ordinarily honourable politicians into craven panderers, regardless of party affiliation. In America, Democratic Senator Bill Bradley (New Jersey and Oxford), who fought alongside Ronald Reagan to eliminate special tax breaks in the 1980s, has managed this time round to retain loopholes for his state's pharmaceutical companies' Puerto Rican plants.

And Republican Senator Bob Dole (Kansas), long an advocate of fiscal rectitude, is fighting to keep subsidies for expensive motor fuel made from his state's corn crop. Such efforts to protect local constituencies can be expensive. But they are not nearly so damaging to the fiscal health of nations as the general incoherence that characterises debates about fiscal policy on both sides of the Atlantic.

Both America and Britain are emerging from recession, but slowly and haltingly. Production rises a bit, then drops back; so do retail sales. Both countries face budget deficits of worrying proportions. Britain's is so large relative to GDP as to bring back memories of IMF intervention while America's has persisted for so many years as to seem irreversible. Both countries are led by politicians pledged to bring government outlays more into line with revenue. John Major to satisfy the Tories' fiscal-rectitude wing, and Bill Clinton to prove he is not just another wild-spending Democrat. The initial reaction of Britain's Tories and America's Democrats has been to cut defence spending. With the Cold War over, electoral politics dictates cuts in the military rather than in social benefits. After all, the consequences of such cuts will not be noticed until the next crisis which, with luck, won't happen until after the next election.

But, the military trimmed, deficits and hard choices remain. Tax rises are the first choice of those who resist cuts in the scale of government. But might not such rises abort the fledgling recoveries in the UK and in the US? Certainly not, say some economists. By cutting the deficit, such tax rises will reduce the pressure of government borrowing on money markets, and bring down long-term interest rates, thereby stimulating private investment. So, raise taxes. Nonsense, respond an equal number of distinguished economists. Higher taxes reduce consumers' spending power, with unhappy consequences for retail sales and home buying. They also reduce the profitability of business investment, forcing the economy back into recession. Experience also suggests higher taxes are not, in the end, used to cut deficits. Instead, they fuel more spending.

So why not cut spending instead? As a general approach, this solution has great appeal. To start, there is wide support for eliminating "waste, inefficiency and fraud". But there doesn't seem to be much gold in those hills. That leaves social programmes. But who will vote for cutting benefits to the aged? Or ending mortgage relief? Or trimming health-care benefits?

Certainly not many Democrats. True, they are willing to trim some of the social security benefits of Americans whose hard work and thrift have given them a private cushion in their golden years. Not a very noble gesture, but one with populist appeal. But, by and large, they prefer a another strategy. First, raise taxes — a lot, and now. Second, promise to cut some non-defence programmes — but later, after the next election. Third, dub the entire scheme a deficit-reduction package.

Everyone in Washington knows that the likelihood that future Congresses will pass the legislation necessary to implement the expenditure cuts is as great as is the prompt arrival of Santa Claus or the tooth fairy. And the chance that projected new tax revenues will go to deficit reduction rather than to fund new spending is almost as great.

Investors think otherwise, and are bidding up the bonds of what they take to be a deficit-cutting government. The history of past tax rises suggests they are mistaken, and will be proven so by year-end, when a nervous Fed, watching the deficit and inflation rise, raises interest rates.

That forecast should, of course, be accorded the weight deserved by any economist, most of whom have been stunned to watch UK interest rates fall as its PSBR soars, and US interest rates decline as its national debt has risen relative to the GDP.

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Allied-Lyons decants a superior Bordeaux

BY JON ASHWORTH

CHATEAU Latour, pride of the Bordeaux vineyards, is being sold by Allied-Lyons, the British food and drinks group, to a French businessman who models himself on Lord Hanson. The deal is worth £86 million.

François Pinault, owner of the Au Printemps stores empire, is buying a 93.2 per cent shareholding in the estate through Artemis, a private company under his control. About 100 million francs (£11.7 million) has been paid to Allied-Lyons and the balance is due within a few weeks.

M Pinault shot to prominence in 1991, when he took control of Au Printemps in an audacious £800 million takeover bid. Retailing accounts for the bulk of the Groupe Pinault empire. The flagship Au Printemps store on Boulevard Haussmann, Paris, fronts a collection ranging from the Prisunic stores chain to the La Redoute mail-order firm. M Pinault, a wiry, down-to-earth Breton, admits to admiring Lord Hanson and has a zest for similar no-nonsense tactics.

For Allied-Lyons, which is trying to sell off underperforming assets, the deal seems something of a coup. Château Latour has been on the market for months, and observers believe £86 million is a hefty price to pay, the estate's reputation notwithstanding.

The decision to sell caused surprise in wine circles. Michael Broadbent, head of the wine department at Christie's, the auction house, said: "It is absolutely one of the top five in Bordeaux and has done very well under the current management. It has been making the best wines for the last four to five seasons and is noted for its longevity."

David Jarvis, chief executive of Hiram Walker, Allied-Lyons's wine and spirits arm, said the disposal represented a "major step" in the group's rationalisation of its wine investment. In the past year, the group has sold the Kendermann wine business in Germany and yesterday completed the sale of the Frederick Wildman wine importing company in America.

Mr Jarvis said: "The decision to sell such a unique property as Château Latour can never be an easy one but we have concluded that we can make better use of shareholders' funds by redeploying the proceeds."

M Pinault, who once said that if a manager "doesn't have a nose for a good Bordeaux, I don't trust him", was no doubt happy to oblige.

EC clears £5m UK aid for Leyland

FROM TOM WALKER IN BRUSSELS

KAREL Van Miert, the EC's competition commissioner, yesterday said Brussels had no objections to the £5 million in regional aid being given to the Leyland DAF van plant in Birmingham.

The commission said the amount came well within the 20 per cent aid limit imposed by Brussels on investment costs for new projects.

The total investment scheduled for the plant is just over £26 million. The money will help the management buyout team redevelop the plant while maintaining production of the 200 and 400 van series.

DAF estimates it will make an £8 million operating loss at the plant, mainly due to overcapacity. It also maintains the aid will not help DAF gain market share at the expense of its competitors, and EC figures suggest its market share will fall, from 15 per cent of the UK market to 13 per cent.

The buyout of the van plant was completed at the end of April, supported by £6.5 million of equity finance from 3i. Other main finance elements included more than £7 million from the Royal Bank of Scotland and up to £20 million from United Dominions Trust.

CBI presses for £10bn cut in public spending

BY PHILIP BASSETT, INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

BUSINESS leaders urged the government, in the face of the potential threat to a sustained economic recovery of high public borrowing, to cut public spending by £10 billion.

In a statement on public expenditure sent to the Treasury, the Confederation of British Industry pressed ministers to cut spending by considerably more than the government envisages and, at a time of low inflation, to cut it in real terms. The CBI said public spending should be 3 per cent of GDP compared with Treasury estimates of 3.75 per cent.

Although the CBI will wait until September before stating whether it sees any case for tax increases to help balance the budget, the confederation made clear that it accepted the last Budget tax rises reluctantly, and believed the government had considerable scope for requiring its spending to make a substantial contribution towards reducing the deficit.

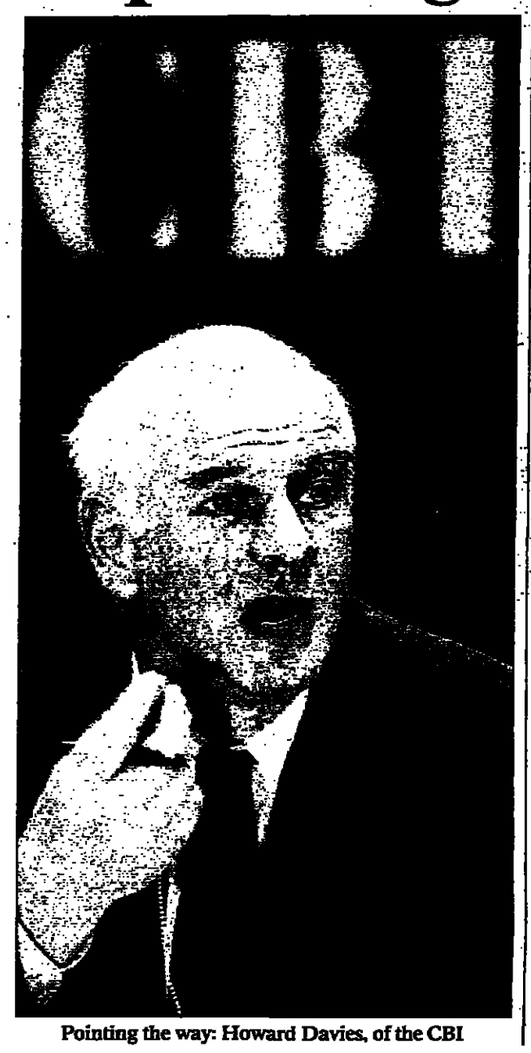
Howard Davies, CBI director-general, put the CBI's case to Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, at an hour-long private meeting on Monday. CBI leaders said they believed the Chancellor had taken on board the confederation's call for a "very tight" public spending settlement this year.

The statement said the government's current plans were not tight enough. The CBI put forward three principal steps to reduce spending, which it insisted would not require any cuts in public services:

- A £10 billion cut in public revenue expenditure over the next three years, to contain the PSBR to 3 per cent of GDP by 1996-7. This should be achieved by efficiency improvements, including the delegation of cost control; better targeting of social security benefits and by involving the private sector in financing large infrastructure projects, including a new cross-Whitehall agency to promote the initiative.
- Priority areas for public spending — principally investment in transport infrastructure, training and export support.
- Using public money more effectively, including a halving this year's contingency reserve to £2 billion.

The CBI's statement was approved by its monthly council yesterday. Mr Davies said: "Unless spending can be reduced, we will face either more tax increases or unsustainably high government borrowing. Both would hinder recovery."

The CBI also set out publicly its proposals for public sector pay after this year's 1.5 per cent policy. The CBI said the government should not try to renew its pay limit. Its proposals included a zero increase in the public sector paybill — not in settlements — followed by urgent efforts to make public sector pay more like pay in the private sector.



Pointing the way: Howard Davies, of the CBI

Property Board to be split up by BR

BY CARL MORTISHED

BRITISH Rail's biggest moneyspinner, the Property Board, which generated £120 million in profits for the railways in the year to March 31, is to be carved up in the next nine months.

Its assets and personnel will be divided between Railtrack and the rump British Rail business.

The Property Board, which advises BR on the development and management of its real estate, said its contribution to BR revenues fell from £164 million to £158 million because of lower property sales in the recession. But property profits of £120 million represented the largest single earning for BR, which made an overall operating surplus of £13 million in the year, down from £18 million in 1992. However, redundancy costs of £86 million sent BR plunging to a loss of £164 million (£25 million).

Railtrack, the new government company that will own the railway infrastructure from April 1, will own BR's operational property. Bob Hill, the Property Board's managing director, said in practice that meant land attached to railways, including big property developments, such as Broadgate at Liverpool Street Station, which have made hundreds of millions in profits for BR. He said that he expected the bulk of the property to be owned by Railtrack, with British Rail retaining ownership of let property off-railway sites as well as curiosities such as abandoned railway viaducts.

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BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Securities and futures complaints fall by 41%

ONLY 13 per cent of the membership of the Securities and Futures Authority had any complaints made against them during 1992, according to a report published yesterday by Keith Woodley, the SFA's Complaints Commissioner. Of the 438 complaints dealt with during the period, 146 were considered as justified and 239 as unjustified. The commissioner felt that nearly 90 per cent of the complaints that he reviewed had been properly handled.

Complaints, which fell by 41 per cent, were now being dealt with on a more timely basis than in previous periods. Letters of complaint were acknowledged within a day, member firms gave answers within 10 working days, and all complaints should be resolved within three months.

Warning at Pittards

PITTARDS, the Yeovil, Somerset, leather producer, gave warning yesterday that first-half profits will be lower than it had hoped. It blamed the fall on the weakness of its main markets, including Germany and Japan. The group's clothing division had suffered particularly badly. "We cannot continue to bear losses within this division indefinitely," Pittards said. "A strategic review is taking place and we expect to take a final decision within the next few weeks."

Fiat braced for big loss

FIAT, battered by recession and Italy's corruption scandals, said it could skid into a trillion lire (£432 million) operating loss this year. Giovanni Agnelli, chairman, told the annual meeting there would have to be asset sales to compensate for losses on industrial activities. "We all expected a recession, but not one of this magnitude," he said, predicting that new car sales would slide by 22 per cent in Italy and 16 per cent in Europe this year.

CU chief steps down

TONY Brend is stepping down as chief executive of Commercial Union at the end of the year. His replacement, John Carter, 58, is a member of the composite insurer's three-man executive director team and has been with the company for more than 30 years. Mr Brend is said to be leaving six months before he reaches 60, the company's retirement age, and will not receive any payment except his salary. Last year, Mr Brend received between £295,001 and £300,000.

City Site passes interim

RENTAL income is now covering interest and overheads at City Site Estates, which produced interim pre-tax profits of £170,000 (£199,000) for the half year to March 31. The company sold Stockley House, its Victoria office property, for £26.5 million and, in May, 152/154 West Regent Street, Glasgow, was sold for £2.45 million. Cash generated from the sales was used to repay a £6 million loan. No dividend can be paid because the company lacks distributable reserves.

Hardy Oil cash call

HARDY Oil & Gas, which was floated off from Trafalgar House four years ago, has asked its shareholders for £29.1 million to help, with borrowings, pay for expansion. The exploration and production group aims to develop fields in Britain, America, and Canada and is looking for sites in Australia. It will also be buying, producing and processing facilities in Canada. It raised £27.6 million in a rights issue in April 1991 but has since seen borrowings rise to £91 million.

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Paid Up Shares [Closed issue]				
	1.00		0.75	
Surrey Gross [Closed Issue]				
£1 - £4,999	4.05			
£5,000 - £9,999	4.30			
£10,000+	4.55			
Seven Day Notice Shares [Closed Issue]				
£1 - £499	1.00		0.75	
£500 - £4,999	2.20		1.65	
£5,000 - £9,999	2.65		1.99	
£10,000 - £19,999	3.10		2.33	
£20,000+	3.55		2.66	
Subscription Shares [Closed Issue]				
	2.20		1.65	
Surrey Gold [Closed Issue]				
£1 - £4,999	1.00	1.00	0.75	0.75
£5,000 - £9,999	3.93	4.00	2.95	2.99
£10,000 - £24,999	4.89	5.00	3.67	3.73
£25,000 - £39,999	5.56	5.70	4.17	4.25
£40,000+	6.08	6.25	4.56	4.66
Super Plus Access				
£1 - £2,499	1.00		0.75	
£2,500 - £4,999	6.40		4.80	
£5,000 - £9,999	7.25		5.44	
£10,000 - £24,999	7.45		5.59	
£25,000 - £49,999	7.60		5.70	
£50,000+	8.05		6.04	
Instant Access				
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£500 - £4,999	2.20		1.65	
£5,000 - £9,999	2.65		1.99	
£10,000 - £19,999	3.10		2.33	
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£10,000 - £24,999	4.89	5.00	3.67	3.73
£25,000 - £39,999	5.56	5.70	4.17	4.25
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Warning given over pension underclass

BY LINDSAY COOK, MONEY EDITOR

UP TO half the working population could become a "pensions underclass" if the structure of pensions provision is not changed, the National Association of Pension Funds said yesterday as it launched a campaign for a national debate on long-term retirement incomes policy.

It wants a national policy to ensure adequate provision for retirement. The Goode Committee will make its recommendations on how pension schemes can be made more secure in the autumn. Any pensions legislation arising from that will take at least a year to implement. Additional measures to ensure proper provision for old age could be included, says the NAPF.

Ron Amy, chairman of the association, said the debate must involve government, industry, employees, trade unions, the media and other interested parties. He added: "If we continue to have a basic state pension linked purely to prices, by 2010 it could be down to 10 per cent of the average wages." This was probably a pessimistic view, he said, but by 2020, it was likely that the basic state pension for a year would be the equivalent of the average net salary for a month.

The state earnings related pension scheme (Serps) would provide a similar amount. Only 25 per cent of the working population is in Serps, and this is likely to decline further. "It would appear that state provision is gradually being withdrawn," says the association.

The basic state scheme has been declining in real terms, relative to earnings, over the past ten years. A decade ago, it was the equivalent of 22 per cent of national average earnings. Now it is 17 per cent.

Mr Amy said half the working population was relying on the state pension alone.

Bundesbank keeps markets guessing

BY JANET BUSH, ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT

THE Bundesbank yesterday kept the financial markets guessing about whether it will cut official interest rates after it council meeting today although hopes diminished with news that the bank had shaved a smallest possible 0.01 per cent off its regular repurchase rate.

Dealers said yesterday's move, in which the lowest allocation rate at the repurchase tender was moved to 7.58 per cent from 7.59 per cent, did not preclude a small cut in the key discount rate today. But there are a number of reasons why the Bundesbank council, which meets again on July 15 and 29, before its summer recess, and thus with two more opportunities to cut rates, may wait.

The budget-cutting package announced in Bonn this week, is yet to be presented to the German cabinet for approval on July 13. Headline German inflation was 4.1 per cent in June, still relatively high. And the Bundesbank, fighting to maintain its credibility against mounting criticism, may not want to be seen to accede to international pressure to cut rates before next week's Tokyo summit.

Yesterday, President Bill Clinton joined the chorus of voices urging rate cuts, saying it was hard for the US to create jobs without help from other nations. He said he would be pressing his partners in the Group of Seven to do more to stimulate the world economy, including lower German rates.

President Clinton's remarks sparked a rally in the dollar which rose back to around DM1.7050. Sterling gained a touch against the mark to end at DM2.5516 compared with DM2.5487 on Tuesday. Its trade weighted index, however, fell back a little after this week's impressive rally to close at 80.6 from 80.8.

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GEC may take stakes in overseas projects

BY GEORGE SIVELL, CITY EDITOR

THE General Electric Company's order book ended the year to March 31 at a record £12.3 billion and the group yesterday signalled a readiness to use some of its huge cash reserves to take shareholdings in large capital projects, such as power stations and telecommunications networks, in an effort to win more work.

Lord Weinstock, the managing director, said that the group was seeing a patchy recovery but there was "no reason to believe this will get a lot better". The improvement in orders, from £10.6 billion a year ago and £11.9 billion six months ago, comes largely from railways, power generation, electronics and telecommunications.

Lord Prior, the chairman, said: "Against the background of some improvement in the British economy but poor trading conditions in continental Europe and many other parts of the world, the performance of the company has been satisfactory.

"We have recognised the rapid economic growth occurring in the Far East and south east Asia and have invested considerable effort in developing our participation in these markets."

GEC is pursuing power generation, electronic systems, telecommunications and transport contracts in the Far East, especially in joint ventures with local companies. Lord Prior added: "Participation in some of these projects may well require that we support our tenders with equity investment. We are ready to do this and are currently examining projects at home, in China, India and Malaysia with local and British partners.

"Our willingness to make such equity investments will depend on the likelihood of a satisfactory return, as well as the opportunities for more loading for our factories."

GEC's operating profits for the year fell from £724 million to £714 million but because of an increase in income from the £2.2 billion cash pile, from £105 million to £149 million, pre-tax profits rose from £829 million to £863 million.

The total dividend for the year rises from 9.6p to 10.3p, out of earnings up from 18.6p to 19.7p. The shares rose ½p to 339p. The company cut about 9,800 jobs in the past year, reducing the total number of employees around the world to 138,700. About 23,000 jobs went from the group in the preceding two years. GEC said "not so many" would go in the current year.

Among GEC's main operating divisions, electronic systems made operating profits of £264 million (£260 million), despite declining defence spending as a result of the end of the Cold War, and high spending on the Eurofighter, the Merlin helicopter, the Boeing 777 and an in-flight entertainment system for United Airlines.

Power systems rose from £157 million to £174 million. Telecommunications slipped from £127 million to £106 million because of falling volumes and prices. Consumer goods fell from £21 million to £16 million because of low housing starts in Britain. Office equipment and printing recovered from £17 million to £32 million and medical equipment picked up from £32 million to £39 million. Electronic components rose from £12 million to £20 million but industrial apparatus fell from £27 million to £14 million.

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Retail venture dents Eastern Electricity profits

DENZIL McNEELANCE



Eastern promise: Dr James Smith, chairman, left, with John Devaney, chief executive designate

BY MARTIN WALLER, DEPUTY CITY EDITOR

THE joint electrical appliance retailing venture between Eastern Electricity and Southern, the third biggest in Britain behind Dixons Group and Comet, slumped to a £14.4 million pre-tax loss in the year to end-March.

The figures took the shine off a set of final results from Eastern, one of the 12 regional electricity distributors in England and Wales, that showed a 30 per cent rise in earnings per share, to 50.1p, and a 15 per cent rise in dividends.

The company was announcing pre-tax profits of £183.4 million in the year to end-March, up from £143.1 million although much of the improvement was due to payments carried over from the previous year, and a final dividend of 13.7p that raises the total from 16.7p to 19.2p.

Dr James Smith, chairman of Eastern but shortly to stand down as chief executive in favour of John Devaney, said the decision to set the dividend rise at a lower rate than several of the other power companies enabled Eastern to increase dividend cover from 2.3 times last year's earnings to 2.6 times.

He gave a warning that more excessive rises in dividends from some of the other companies might prejudice their position in the forthcoming regulatory review of the industry. "The regulator, I think, will look at companies as individual entities rather than lump them together."

Eastern, which until recent price cuts in the industry had the lowest tarriffs, will look at its position this year but has no immediate plans to cut prices to its 3 million customers, said Mr Devaney.

The retail venture, which has since been joined by a third distributor, Midlands, contributed £7.2 million of losses to the Eastern accounts for last year, although £2.5 million of this was accounted for by non-recurring items connected to the merger. Dr Smith said he was confident the business would break even soon, and losses would certainly be substantially reduced this year.

Eastern shares, rising earlier, closed unmoved at 472p.

Bank set to control share settlements

BY OUR CITY EDITOR

THE Bank of England is expected this morning to take over the London Stock Exchange's share settlement system on the same day as Eddie George becomes Governor.

The task force set up under Pen Kent to sort out the débâcle over the collapse of the Stock Exchange's Taurus share settlement system is due to report this morning. The City expects the Bank to seek an early modification to the existing Talisman system run by the exchange to allow for a speeded up rolling 10-day settlement system within a year, while the Bank works on a more effective substitute to be developed within three years.

Taurus was abandoned in early March after the Stock Exchange had spent almost £80 million on development and caused the resignation of Peter Rawlins, chief executive.

The City expects a two-tier settlement system to be announced, one for professional investors who will benefit from a reduction in the current two-week settlement period to ten-day rolling settlement by July 1994. The Bank may recommend an even shorter period as soon as possible after July 1994.

The second tier for small investors would mean a longer settlement period and allow them to keep share certificates as proof of ownership.

Talisman, the current system for British shares was built by the Stock Exchange in 1979 and combines the telephone, electronic transfer and paper to send details of deals between the company, stockbroker and investor.

Loss doubles at Midland and Scottish

MIDLAND and Scottish Resources, the independent oil company, saw pre-tax losses double in 1992 to £96.01 million (£46.4 million loss) after taking an £80 million provision against its Emerald Field site in the North Sea (Martin Flanagan writes).

The field began production last August, but the group says performance of individual wells has varied considerably from that predicted by the field's previous operator. However, the expected initial production rate of 25,000 barrels a day was achieved.

The company has decided that "a very substantial provision" should be made against its interest in the field. An additional well programme is under way.

Operating losses this time rose from £9.02 million to £15.49 million. There is no dividend.

Brent Walker may sue over London office building

BY CARL MORTISHED

THE shadow of the Walker family still hangs over Brent Walker, the leisure group that on Monday announced losses of £427 million.

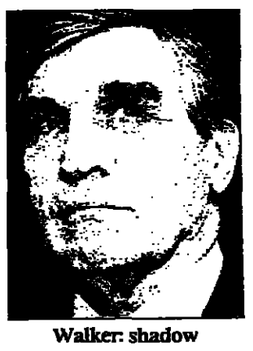
Brent Walker is trying to recover £1.5 million from Heatrace Properties, a company in which Jason Walker, George Walker's son, was interested.

According to a note in the group's 1992 report and accounts, Brent Walker transferred a freehold property in London to Heatrace on September 28, 1990, but no documentation has been found on the transaction.

"The purchase price has not been paid and the company intends to undertake proceedings to recover the amount due to it," the note states.

Brent Walker yesterday confirmed the possibility of litigation over the money owed, and that Simmonds & Simmonds, its solicitor, was investigating the transaction.

John Leach, finance director, said that ownership of the property, an office building in Laystall Street, Clerkenwell, was uncertain.



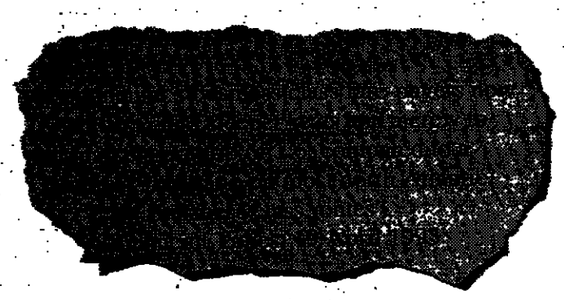
Walker: shadow

Jason Walker was a director of numerous trading subsidiaries of the casino and property empire his father built up in the 1980s. Jason Walker was dismissed from the company in June 1991 at the same time as Jean Walker, George Walker's wife, was dismissed as an executive director of the group. George Walker has been charged with stealing £12.5 million from the company. He and his wife opposed the £1.5 billion restructuring of the group last year.

Brent Walker's 1992 accounts also reveal that compensation totalling £240,000 was paid to former directors for loss of office. Last year, the highest-paid director was John Brown, who received £637,000.

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Big firms beat Cadbury deadline

By George Sivell
City Editor

ALMOST all FT-SE 100 companies have complied with the Cadbury Committee's recommendations on corporate governance, in advance of today's deadline.

It was last December that the committee set the deadline for including a statement on complying with the code of best practice. According to research by Pensions and Investment Research Consultants, 54 of the 66 FT-SE 100 companies that have reported in the meantime complied with the recommendations.

The consultancy says that most statements made explicit reference to agreement with the Cadbury recommendations. Coats Viyella, Tesco, Legal & General and Grand Metropolitan are singled out for the thoroughness of their corporate governance statements.

About 25 of the 66 reports included a statement on directors' responsibilities, although these are required only in reports covering financial year ends after July 1. Seven companies have formally separated the roles of chief executive and chairman — BAT, British Gas, Burmah Castrol, Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation (HSBC), Kingfisher, Reed International and Standard Chartered. Barclays Bank has said it will do so in future.

All but two of the 66 companies now have both audit and remuneration committees. Nine companies disclosed the existence of audit committees for the first time and seven reported on remuneration committees. The two companies without the committees are BTR and HSBC.

Seven companies have changed their articles of association so that all executive directors must face regular reelection by shareholders: BP, British Airways, Coats Viyella, Commercial Union, Guardian Royal Exchange, Inchcape and TSB. But at 34 of the 66, some or all directors still do not need to retire by rotation after they are appointed.

Pensions and Investment Research notes that the proportion of woman directors has risen from 2.7 per cent a year ago to 4 per cent.

STOCK MARKET

Talk of cut in Japan's duty on Scotch cheers distillers

THE Japanese have finally proved that they are always open to negotiation when it comes down to cutting tariffs on foreign imports.

It seems they are now ready to reduce the duty on a bottle of Scotch entering the country by as much as 50 per cent. Strange as it may seem, Scotch has become one of the favourite tipples of the hard-working Japanese.

Brokers say that should be good news for **Guinness**, up 6p at 471p, the world's biggest Scotch distiller, where Tony Greener is chairman. They are hoping it will go some way to offsetting City worries about current trading conditions highlighted at the recent annual meeting. There were also gains for **Highland Distilleries**, 10p to 338p, **Macallan Martin 'A'**, 3p to 383p, and **Matthew Clark**, 2p to 405p.

But the rest of the drinks companies failed to benefit from the effects of another sweltering day in the Square Mile, with prices closing generally mixed. **Allied-Lyons** lost an early lead to finish 3p lower at 537p after selling its majority stake in Château Latour for £86 million. **Grand Metropolitan** was also 2p easier at 428p, **Mansfield Brewery**, 11p at 819p, and **Vaux Group**, 2p at 230p. But there were gains for **Whitbread 'A'**, 9p to 406p, **Bass** 2p to 487p, **Greene King**, 3p to 517p, and **Scottish & Newcastle**, 2p to 463p.

The rest of the equity market was squeezed higher in thin trading which saw only 550 million shares change hands with all eyes focused on the gilt market and the latest auction. The FT-SE 100 index closed up 14.0 at 2,900.0.

Hanson rose 4p to 226½p after acquiring Quantum Chemical for $3.2 billion. Hanson also benefited from Moody's awarding the shares an A1 senior rating.

This week's frenzy of activity among the television broadcasters after Granada's decision to take a 15 per cent stake in **LWT**, unchanged at 466p, largely showed signs of boiling over on profit-taking. **Granada** firmed 1p to 418p but **Anglia** slipped 9p to 344p,



Seeking a boost from Japan: Tony Greener, chairman of Guinness

Grampain TV 'A', 8p to 228p, **HTV**, 2p to 57p, and **Ulster**, 8p to 472p. However, there was selective support for **Carlton**, 8p to 778p, **Central Independent**, 3p to £20.68, **Scottish TV**, 21p to 545p, and **Yorkshire** 3p to 201p.

GEC hardened ½p to 339p after reporting a rise in full year pre-tax profits from £829 million to £863 million with its cash mountain soaring from £1.3 billion to more than £2 billion. The order book has grown from £10.6 billion to £12.3 billion. Despite this, operating profits fell from £702 million to £695 million.

Takeover favourite **Lucas Industries** held steady at 136p. The group has won a substantial contract to supply Mercedes-Benz of Germany with a new electronic fuel injection system for its C220 diesel car. Lucas currently has 32 per of the European diesel market but this is its first Mercedes-Benz contract.

Ratners, the struggling jewellery retailer, firmed 2p to 34½p as it announced plans for further restrucuring of the group's interests. It plans to close a further 54 stores in this country, in addition to the 182 already planned during the next three years. The group will also change its name to Signet. The decision was announced as Ratners revealed pre-tax losses of £40 million compared with a deficit of £122 million last time.

Devro International, the Scottish sausage skin maker, enjoyed solid support in first time trading. Offered at 170p, the shares opened at 191½p in hectic trading having been more than four times oversubscribed. Turnover reached more than 30 million shares with the price ending the day at 193p, a premium of 23p.

TSB firmed 2p to 195p on talk that the group had finally found a buyer for Hill Samuel, its loss-making merchant bank. BAT is being tipped as a possible suitor. It is heavily involved in the financial markets through its ownership of Farmers Inc in the US and Eagle Star.

☐ **GILT-EDGED**: market fell sharply as dealers expressed disappointment that the £3.2 billion auction of Treasury 8 per cent 2003 had only been covered 1.1 times. The tail covering the bid had a wide spread of 12 ticks. But selling was short-lived and countered by foreign buying that rallied prices sharply and enabled the Bank of England to issue an extra tranche of **Treasury 9 per cent 2008 'D'**. The September series of the Long Gilt climbed 13 ticks to £107³/₈ in hectic trading. In longs, **Treasury 9 per cent 2012** added £½ at £108²⁵/₃₂ while in shorts **Treasury 9½ per cent 1999** was five ticks up at £100¼.

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MICHAEL CLARK

Shares of Astec BSR, the Hong Kong electronics company with a London listing, continue to trade at a high of 65p. Emerson, the American company, holds 48.9 per cent, but talk suggests the stake may be for sale. This is expected to lead to a full bid of at least 100p a share.

Scholl pays £14m for antiseptic

Scholl, the personal healthcare products group best known for its support stockings and footwear, has acquired Septivon, an antiseptic wash for wounds, from Elf-Sanofi, the French pharmaceuticals group, for Fr125 million (£14.7 million).

Neil Franchino, Scholl's chief executive, said the acquisition, which is subject to French health ministry approval, fits with Scholl's brand criteria and distribution strengths, and offers considerable scope for brand expansion.

Septivon has about 17 per cent of the market in France, with sales of £7.1 million laat year. Scholl shares were unchanged at 235p.

MCC meeting

Creditors of Maxwell Communication Corp meet today on both sides of the Atlantic to vote on a scheme of arrangement from Price Waterhouse, the company's administrator. The result will not be known until after the New York meeting ends after midnight in Britain. MCC is the first company to be placed both into administration in the UK and Chapter 11 in the US.

Dwyer improving

Dwyer, the Dublin-quoted property investment group based in London, incurred pre-tax losses of £729,000 (£731,000 loss) in the six months to end-March. But it said the latest figures include losses of £537,000 on property disposals, and masked a substantial underlying improvement. Overheads fell to £485,000 (£730,000). The loss falls from 2.85p to 2.84p a share. There is no dividend.

Wilshaw record

Wilshaw, the distribution, specialist metals and building products group, is raising its total dividend 25 per cent to 0.5p (0.4p), with an improved final payout of 0.35p (0.3p), after pre-tax profits advanced to a record £2.13 million (£1.34 million) in the year to end-March.

AAH deal

AAH Holdings, the pharmaceuticals wholesaler and retailer, is to pay £15.58 million for MSBC, the Edinburgh toiletries and cosmetics group. MSBC is expected to have sales of £29 million in the year to June 30. Last year, it made profits of £900,000.

New York — Shares, undercut by weak bonds, were mixed in early trading. The Dow Jones industrial average fell three points to 3,516.

☐ **Tokyo** — The market had a mixed session with investors on the sidelines before the general election. The Nikkei average rose 46.58 points to 19,590.00.

☐ **Sydney** — Shares ended the fiscal year higher, buoyed by soaring gold stocks. The all-ordinaries index rose 19.6 points to 1,738.1, and the gold index broke through the 1,900 level, jumping 54.2 points to 1,928.3.

Hong Kong — The market closed slightly lower in dull trade, brokers said. The Hang Seng index finished down 8.19 points at 7,099.28.

	Jun 30 midday	Jun 29 close
AMP Inc	61¼	61¼
AMR Corp	63	62¾
Abbott Labs	26¼	26
Aetna Life	55½	55¾
Ahmanson (HF)	17¾	17¾
Air Prod & Chem	39½	38¾
Albertsons	53¾	53¾
Alcan Alumin	19¼	19
Alco Standard	49	49¾
Allied Signal	66¾	67¾
Alum Co of Am	70	69
Amax	23	22¾
Amerada Hess	48¾	48¾
Amer Brands	33¾	33¾
Amer Cyanamid	53¾	53¾
Amer El Power	37½	37¾
Amer Express	31¾	31¼
Amer Genl Corp	31¾	31¼
Amer Home Pr	64¾	65¾
Amer Intl	129¾	129¾
Amer Stores	45½	45¾
Amer T & T	63¾	63¾
Ameritech	80	79½
Amoco	55¾	55¾
Anheuser-Busch	49	48¾
Apple Computer	39¾	39
Archer Daniels	23¾	23¾
Arkla	10	10
Armco	7¼	7¼
Armstrng Wrld	32¾	32¾
Asarco	19¼	19¾
Ashland Oil	29¾	29¾
Atl Richfield	116¾	116¾
Auto Data Pro	48	48
Avery Dennison	29¾	29
Avon Products	57¼	58¾
Baker Hughes	26¾	26¾
Baltim Gas & El	25¾	25¾
Banc One	56¾	56¾
BankAmerica	45¾	44¾
Bank of NY	59¾	59¾
Bankers Tr NY	74	73¾
Barnett Banks	48	48¾
Bausch & Lomb	49¾	50¾
Baxter Intl	28¾	28¾
Becton Dickson	39¾	39¾
Bell Atlantic	58¾	59
BellSouth	55¾	55¾
Black & Decker	21¼	20¾
Block (H&R)	35¾	35¾
Boeing	36¾	37¾
Boise Cascade	23¾	22¾
Borden Inc	19	19
Bristol Myrs Sq	57¾	58¾
Browning Ferris	26¾	26¾
Burlington Nthn	53¾	53¾
CBS	229	228¾
CNA Financial	94¾	95
CPC Intl	40¾	41¼
CSX	71¾	71¼
Campbell Soup	39¾	39
Can Pacific	16	16¾
Cptl Cities ABC	503¾	500
Cptl Holdings	39¾	38¾
Carolina Pwr	32¾	32¾
Caterpillar	74¾	74¾
Central & SW	32¾	32¾
Champion Intl	33¾	32¾
Chase Manhat	32	31¾
Chemical Bk	41	40¾
Chevron Corp	87¾	87¾
Chrysler	47¾	46¾
Chubb Corp	85¾	86¾
Cigna Corp	61	60¾
Citicorp	29¾	29¾
Clorox	52¾	50¾
Coastal Corp	26	25¾
Coca Cola	43¾	43¾
Colgate-Palmolive	58¾	57¾
Columbia Gas	24¾	24¾
Commonw Ed	27¾	28¾
Compaq Comp	50	49¾
Comp Ass Int	28¾	29¾
Conagra	25¾	25¾
Cons Edison	35¾	35¾
Cons Nat Gas	52¾	52¾
Cons Rail	54	53¾
Cooper Inds	50¾	50¾
Corning Inc	33	34
Crown Cork	37¾	37
Dana Corp	54¾	54
Dayton Hudson	66	66¾
Deere	65¾	64¾
Delta Air Lines	48¾	47¾
Deluxe Corp	38¾	37¾
Detroit Edison	34¾	35¾
Digital Equip	41	41¾
Dillard Dept St	36¾	36¾
Disney (Walt)	40¾	41¾
Dominion Res	43¾	44
Donelley (RR)	28¾	28¾
Dover Corp	47	47
Dow Chemicals	56¾	55¾
Dow Jones	27¾	27¾
Dresser	23¾	23¾
Duke Power	39¾	39¾
Dun & Brdstreet	58¾	58¾
Du Pont	48¾	47¾
Eastman Kodak	50¾	50
Eaton Corp	45¾	45

	Jun 30 midday	Jun 29 close
Emerson Elec	59¾	58¾
Engelhard Corp	37¾	37¾
Enron Corp	66¾	68¾
Entergy Corp	36¾	36¾
Ethyl Corp	28¾	28¾
Exxon	65¾	65¾
FMC Corp	45¾	45
FPL Group	38¾	38
Federal Express	45¾	45¾
Fed Nat Mtge	82¾	83¾
First Chicago	41¾	41¾
First Interstate	62¾	62¾
First Union Rlty	10¾	10¾
Fleet Finl Grp	33¾	33¾
Fluor Corp	41¾	41¾
Ford Motor	52	51¾
GTE Corp	36¾	36¾
Gannett	50¾	50¾
Gap Inc Del	30¾	31¾
Gen Cinema	35¾	35¾
Gen Dynamics	95¾	95¾
Gen Electric	95¾	95¾
Gen Mills	67¾	66¾
Gen Motors	44¾	44
Gen Reinsurance	113¾	115¾
Gen Signal	65¾	66¾
Genuine Parts	34¾	34¾
Georgia Pac	58¾	57¾
Gillette	54¾	54
Glaxo ADR	16¾	16¾
Goodrich (BF)	43	43¾
Goodyear Tire	42¾	42¾
Grace (WR)	40¾	40¾
Gt Atl Pac Tea	32¾	32¾
Great Wstn Fin	16¾	16
Halliburton	37¾	38¾
Heinz (HJ)	36¾	37
Hercules	77¾	77¾
Hershey Foods	47¾	47¾
Hewlett Packard	82¾	82
Hilton Hotels	46¾	45¾
Home Depot	43¾	43¾
Homestake Mng	19¾	19¾
Honeywell	36¾	36
Household Intl	69¾	67¾
Houston Inds	43¾	43¾
Humana	11¾	11
ITT Corp	85	84¾
Illinois Tool	39¾	38¾
INCO	22¾	22¾
Ingersoll Rand	34¾	34
Inland Steel	29	28¾
Intel Corp	56¾	56¾
IBM	49¾	49¾
Intl Flav & Fr	115	115¾
Intl Paper	63	63
James River Va	19¾	19¾
Jhnsn & Jhnsn	41¾	42¾
K Mart	20¾	20¾
Kellogg	54¾	53¾
Kerr-McGee	50¾	51
Kimberly-Clark	49¾	49¾
Knight-Ridder	51¾	52
Lilly (Eli)	49¾	49¾
Limited Inc	21¾	21¾
LIN Brdcstng	100	99¾
Lincoln Nat	39¾	39¾
Litton	64¾	65¾
Liz Claiborne	30¾	30¾
Lockheed Corp	66¾	65¾
Louisiana Pac	31¾	30
MCI Commun	57¾	56¾
Marriott	25¾	25¾
Marsh & McLnn	88	87¾
Masco Corp	30¾	30¾
May Dept St	39¾	39¾
Maytag Corp	15	15¾
McCaw Cellular	45	44¾
McDonalds	49¾	49¾
McDonnell D	74	73¾
McGraw Hill	59¾	59
Mead Corp	44¾	44
Medtronic	68¾	69¾
Mellon Bk	58¾	57
Melville Corp	46¾	45¾
Merck Inc	36¾	36¾
Merrill Lynch	80¾	80¾
Minnesota Mine	107¾	107¾
Mobil Corp	74¾	75¾
Monsanto	59¾	59¾
Morgan (JP)	66¾	67¾
Motorola Inc	87¾	86¾
Natl Medical	10¾	10¾
Natl Semi	16¾	16¾
Natl Service Ind	25¾	24¾
Navistar Int C	2¾	2¾
NBD Bancorp	32¾	32¾
NY Times A	24¾	24¾
Newmont Mng	52¾	53¾
Nlag Mohawk	24¾	24¾
Nike B	54¾	55
NL Industries	3¾	3¾
Nordstrom	28	28¾
Norfolk Sthn	65	64¾
Nthn States Pwr	45¾	46
Norwest Corp	27	27¾
Nynex Corp	90	89¾
Occidental Pet	20¾	20¾
Ohio Edison	24¾	24¾
Oracle Systems	49¾	46¾

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Oryx Energy Co	20¾	20¾
Owens Corning	42¾	41¾
PNC Financial	32¾	31¾
PPG Industries	67	67¾
Paccar Inc	61¾	60¾
Pacificorp	19	18¾
Pac Enterprises	24¾	24¾
Pac Gas & Elect	33¾	33¾
Pac Telesis	48¾	48¾
Pall Corp	17¾	17¾
Panhandle East	24¾	24¾
Paramnt Commn	54¾	54¾
Parker Hannifin	35¾	35¾
Penney (JC)	45¾	45¾
Pennzoil	62¾	63
Pepsico	37	37
Pfizer	67¾	69¾
Phelps Dodge	45¾	44¾
Philadel Elec	30¾	30¾
Philip Morris	48¾	49¾
Phillips Pet	28¾	29
Pitney Bowes	41¾	41¾
Polaroid	38¾	37¾
Price Co	34	34¾
Primerica	52¾	52¾
Procter & Gmbl	51¾	51¾
Pub Serv E & G	34¾	34¾
Quaker Oats	76¾	75¾
Ralston Purina	46¾	45¾
Raychem Corp	39¾	38¾
Raytheon	61¾	61¾
Reebok Intl	27¾	27¾
Reynolds Metals	48¾	46¾
Roadway Srvcs	57¾	58
Rockwell Intl	33¾	33¾
Rohm & Haas	53¾	54¾
Royal Dutch	92¾	93¾
Rubbermaid	28	28¾
Safeco Corp	58	58¾
St Paul's Cos	79¾	78¾
Salomon Inc	38¾	38¾
Santa Fe S Pac	18¾	17¾
Sara Lee Corp	24¾	24¾
Scecorp	24¾	24¾
Schering Plough	69	70¾
Schlumberger	63¾	63¾
Scott Paper	33	32¾
Seagram	26¾	26¾
Sears Roebuck	54¾	54¾
Shell Trans	57¾	57¾
Sherwin Wlms	31¾	31¾
Skyline Corp	16¾	16¾
Snap-On-Tools	38¾	38¾
Southern Co	42¾	42¾
Stwestern Bell	38¾	38¾
Sprint Corp	34¾	34¾
Stanley Works	40	39¾
Sun Company	23¾	24¾
Suntrust	46¾	47
Supervalu	33¾	34¾
Syntex Corp	18¾	18¾
Sysco Corp	25¾	25¾
TRW Inc	63¾	63¾
Tandem Comp	12¾	12¾
Tandy Corp	30	29¾
Telecom Corp	3¾	3¾
Teledyne	21	21¾
Temple Inland	45¾	45¾
Tenneco	51	51¾
Texaco	63¾	63¾
Texas Inst	70¾	72¾
Texas Utilities	45¾	45¾
Textron	56¾	55¾
Time Warner	38¾	39
Times-Mirror	29¾	29¾
Timken	33¾	33¾
Torchmark	53¾	53¾
Toys R Us	37¾	36¾
Transamerica	53¾	53¾
Travelers Corp	32¾	32¾
Tribune	54¾	54¾
Tyco Labs	40¾	40¾
UAL Corp	123¾	122
UST Inc	29¾	29¾
USX Marathon	16¾	16¾
Unilever NV	106¾	106
Union Camp	42¾	42¾
Union Carbide	19¾	19
Union Pacific	61¾	61¾
Unisys Corp	12¾	12
USAIR Group	16¾	15¾
USF&G Corp	18¾	18¾
US Life	41¾	41
US West	45¾	45¾
United Tech	54¾	54¾
Unocal Corp	29¾	29¾
Upjohn	30¾	30
VF Corp	45¾	46¾
WMX Tech	33¾	33¾
Wal-Mart Stores	26¾	26¾
Warner-Lambert	71¾	71¾
Wells Fargo	110¾	109¾
Westinghouse El	15¾	14¾
Weyerhaeuser	42	41¾
Whirlpool	56¾	56¾
Whitman	13¾	13¾
Winn Dixie	56¾	56¾
Woolworth	27¾	27¾
Wrigley (Wm) Jr	33¾	33¾
Xerox	80¾	80¾

AG Holdings (125)	128	+2
Anagen (100)	95	...
Baring Chrysalis C (339)	356	...
Baring Emrg Mtks ($10)	679	...
Bruntcliffe Aggregates (25)	35	−2
Carpetright (148)	166	−2
China Inv Trust (100)	94	...
China Inv Warrants	53	...
Crabtree (150)	203	...
Creston Warrants	12	−4
Devro International (170)	193	...
Drew Scientific (105)	133	...
Enviromed (110)	118	−2
Fine Decor (210)	258	+4
First Spanish Wrnts 1997	11½	...
Inveresk (150)	170	...
Ivory & Sime ISIS (100)	98¼	+½
Metrotect Inds (108)	128	+1

RISES:		FALLS:	
Barclays	483p (+11p)	Mansfield	819p (-11p)
Lloyds	580p (+10p)	Derwent Holdings	473p (-10p)
Mitel	273p (+48p)	Pittards	60p (-11p)
Scot TV	545p (+21p)	Domino	439p (-21p)
Thomson Corp	815p (+15p)	Everest	117p (-11p)
NMC Group	102p (+10p)	J Billam	279p (-24p)
Slough Estates	215p (+10p)		
Courts Furnish	645p (+13p)		

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Profits slip to £1m at Mount Charlotte

By A Correspondent

MOUNT Charlotte Investments, operators of one of Britain's largest hotel chains and 70 per cent owned by Brierley Investments, suffered a fall in trading and pre-tax profits for the year to end-December.

Mount Charlotte made a pre-tax profit of £1 million, down from £1.5 million in the previous year, on turnover of £217.3 million, down from £226.1 million. The company, whose remaining shares are owned by the Government of Singapore Investment Corp and Temasek Holdings (Private), said trading profit was £60.3 million in the year, down from £72.6 million.

Robert Peel, chief executive of Mount Charlotte, said: "Although turnover and trading profit were down on 1991...these figures nevertheless represent a 27.8 per cent return on turnover, the highest achieved in the UK hotel industry during 1992."

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AKWIL ELECTRONIC SERVICES LIMITED
THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act, 1986, that a meeting of the creditors of the above named company will be held at the offices of Poppleton and Appleby, 32 High Street, Manchester on Wednesday 14th July 1993 at 12 o'clock noon, for the purposes mentioned in Sections 99, 100 and 101 of the said Act.

Pursuant to Section 98, Subsection (2)(a) of the Act, Mr Peter Lomas of Poppleton and Appleby, 32 High Street, Manchester, M4 1QD is appointed to act as the Qualified Insolvency Practitioner who will furnish creditors with such information as they may reasonably require.

Dated this 28th day of June 1993.
BY ORDER OF THE BOARD
E P AKKA, DIRECTOR.

BANACREST LIMITED
IN RECEIVERSHIP
Registered Number: 1607124. Former company name: Hi-Liting Limited. Nature of business: Hire of lighting equipment. Trade classification: 46. Date of appointment of administrative receivers: 18 June 1993. Name of person appointing administrative receivers: Barclays Bank PLC. Instrument under which appointment made: Debenture. Date of instrument: 6 December 1990. Joint Administrative Receivers: Peter John Robertson Souster and Peter James Dickerson (office holder nos. 2588 and 1277) of Baker Tilly, 2 Bloomsbury Street, London WC1B 3ST.

Eastern Hotels Limited
Registered Number: 1837325. Trading Name: Eastern Hotels Limited. Nature of Business: operators of public houses. Trade Classification: 47 & 48. Date of Appointment of Administrative Receivers: 23 June 1993. Name of person appointing the Administrative Receivers: UCB Bank Plc. Names of persons appointed: GCA Morphitis & FFA Weesely both of Cape & Dalgleish, 401 St John Street, London EC1V 4LH (office holder nos: 4225 & 7788) Joint Administrative Receivers.

The Insolvency Act 1986
HELMRIDGE CONSTRUCTION SERVICES LIMITED
(In Liquidation)
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Steven George Taylor of Poppleton & Appleby, 4 Charterhouse Square, London, EC1M 6EN was appointed Liquidator of the said Company by the members and creditors on 18th June 1993.
Dated this 28th day of June 1993.
S.G. Taylor, Liquidator.

FIT VISION LIMITED
Notice is hereby given, pursuant to section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a meeting of the Creditors of the above-named Company will be held at 19A Cavendish Square, London W1M 9AB on Friday, the 9th day of July 1993, at 2.00 o'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of having a full statement of the position of the Company's affairs, together with a List of the Creditors of the Company and the estimated amount of their claims, laid before them, and for the purpose, if thought fit, of nominating a Liquidator and of appointing a Liquidation Committee. Giles Heathcote Whittome of 19a Cavendish Square, London W1M 9AB is a person qualified to act as an insolvency practitioner in relation to the Company who will, during the period before the day of the Meeting, furnish creditors free of charge with such information concerning the Company's affairs as they may reasonably require or

on the two business days falling next before the day on which the Meeting is to be held, a list of the names and addresses of the Company's creditors will be available for inspection free of charge at 19A Cavendish Square, London W1M 9AB being a place in the relevant location.

Notice is also given that, for the purpose of voting, Secured Creditors must unless they surrender their security, lodge at the Registered Office of the Company at 19A Cavendish Square, London W1M 9AB before the Meeting a Statement giving particulars of their security, the date when it was given, and the value at which it is assessed.

Dated this 21st day of June 1993.
By Order of the Board of Directors.
G.H. Fletcher, Director.

M.P.E. (HOLDINGS) LTD
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of The Insolvency Act, 1986, that a Meeting of the creditors of the above-named Company will be held at the offices of Leonard Curtis & Co. situated at PO Box 553, 30 Eastbourne Terrace, (2nd Floor), London W2 6LF, on 9th July 1993, at 10.30 am for the purposes provided for in Section 98 et seq.

A list of names and addresses of the above Company's Creditors can be inspected at the offices of Leonard Curtis & Co. PO Box 553, 30 Eastbourne Terrace, (2nd Floor), London W2 6LF, between the hours of 10.00 and 4.00pm on the two business days preceding the Meeting of Creditors.

Dated this 25th day of June 1993.
A. COOPER, Director.

LEGAL NOTICES

INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
FUTUREMINSTER LIMITED
(In Administrative Receivership)
TO ALL CREDITORS
A meeting of the creditors of the above named company will be held under the provisions of Section 48 of the Insolvency Act 1986 at 199 Westminster Bridge Road, London, SE1 7EU on Thursday 15 July 1993 at 2.00pm to receive a report of the joint administrative receivers and to decide if a committee of creditors should be appointed.

Creditors whose claims are wholly secured are not entitled to attend or to be represented at the meeting.

Please note the following if you intend to vote at the meeting:

(a) A written statement of claim must be lodged with the administrative receivers by 12 noon on the day before the meeting at Becket House, 1 Lambeth Palace Road, London, SE1 7EU

(b) A proxy form is enclosed and this must be completed and lodged with the administrative receivers before the meeting.

Date: 28 June 1993
N J Hamilton
Joint Administrative Receiver

1993 NO C 1686
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
CHANCERY DIVISION
BRISTOL DISTRICT REGISTRY
IN THE MATTER OF CONVENIENCE STORES WEST LIMITED
AND IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Order of the High Court of Justice, Chancery Division, Bristol District Registry dated 17th June, 1993 confirming the reduction of the capital of the above-named company from £1,531,000 to £1,100,000 and the cancellation of £16,000 standing to the credit of the Share Premium Account and the Minute approved by the Court showing with respect to the capital of the company as altered the several particulars required by the above-mentioned Act were registered by the Registrar of Companies on 22nd June 1993
DATED this 30th day of June 1993.
Messrs. Burges Salmon
Narrow Quay House
Prince Street, Bristol BS1 4AH
Ref: TLB/CEB/RGH/13500.1
Tel: 0272 276567

The Insolvency Act 1986
High Court - Leeds District Registry No 707 of 1993
Harland Tyres Limited
(In Liquidation)
In accordance with Rule 4.106 of the Insolvency Rules 1986, I, G C A Morphitis of Cape & Dalgleish, 401 St John Street, London, EC1V 4LH, give notice that I was appointed Liquidator of the above on 13 May 1993.
Dated 25 June 1993
G C A Morphitis, LIQUIDATOR.

NOTICE TO THE CREDITORS OF ADBURY PARK ESTATES LIMITED
(IN LIQUIDATION)
On 9 June 1993 the High Court of Justice, Chancery Division made a winding up order for the company and on 9 June 1993 the Secretary of State appointed Peter Norman Spratt and Anthony Victor Lomas of Price Waterhouse, Thames Court, 1 Victoria Street, Windsor, Berkshire SL4 1HB as its liquidators.

Creditors of the company are requested to send details, in writing, of their claims against the company to the liquidators, at the above address. The claims must be made on a form 4.25.

A meeting of the creditors of Adbury Park Estates Limited will be held at Regency Park Hotel, Thatcham, on Tuesday 20 July 1993 at 10.30am under the provisions of Section 141 of the Insolvency Act 1986. The purpose of the meeting is to allow the appointment of a liquidation committee to represent the creditors. If at their meeting the creditors do not appoint a liquidation committee, the liquidators will ask the meeting to agree the basis of their remuneration.

Creditors wishing to vote at the meeting must complete and lodge with the liquidator a form of proxy on a form 8.4, unless they are individuals attending the meeting personally, or are companies authorising a representative under the provisions of section 245 of the Companies Act 1985.

Dated 24 June 1993
P N Spratt, Joint Liquidator.

Price and Company Limited
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a meeting of the creditors of the above named company will be held at the offices of Leonard Curtis & Co. situated at PO Box 553, 30 Eastbourne Terrace, (2nd Floor), London, W2 6LF, on 14th July 1993 at 12.00, for the purposes provided in Section 98 et seq.

A list of names and addresses of the above company's creditors can be inspected at the offices of Leonard Curtis & Co. PO Box 553, 30 Eastbourne Terrace, (2nd Floor), London, W2 6LF, between the hours of 10.00am to 4.00pm on the two business days preceding the Meeting of Creditors.

DATED this 28th June 1993
Richard Price - Director.

The Insolvency Act 1986
VISTA CONTRACTS LIMITED
(In Liquidation)
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that John Colin Shuttleworth of Shuttleworth & Co. 9 Victoria Road, Romford, Essex IG10 2PS was appointed Liquidator of the said Company by the creditors on 28th June 1993.
Dated this 28th day of June 1993
J.C. Shuttleworth, Liquidator.

LEGAL NOTICES

THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
CAMBRIDGE INNOVATIVE PRODUCTS LIMITED
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN Pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a MEETING of the CREDITORS of the above named Company will be held on 20th July 1993 at The Old Bakery, Lower Gower Road, Royston, Herts at 12.00 noon for the purposes mentioned in Section 99 et seq of the said Act.
NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that Maurice Raymond Dorrington, FIPA of 4, Charterhouse Square, London, EC1M 6EN is appointed to act as the qualified Insolvency Practitioner pursuant to Section 98 (2)(a) of the said Act who will furnish Creditors with such information as they may require.
DATED this 28th day of June 1993.
BY ORDER OF THE BOARD
K. DUNNING, DIRECTOR.

WESTWORLD PRINT & DESIGN LTD
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of The Insolvency Act, 1986, that a Meeting of the creditors of the above-named Company will be held at the offices of Leonard Curtis & Co. situated at P O Box 553, 30 Eastbourne Terrace, (2nd Floor), London W2 6LF, on 7th July 1993, at 10.30 am for the purposes provided for in Section 98 et seq.

A list of names and addresses of the above Company's Creditors can be inspected at the offices of Leonard Curtis & Co. P O Box 553, 30 Eastbourne Terrace, (2nd Floor), London W2 6LF, between the hours of 10.00 and 4.00pm on the two business days preceding the Meeting of Creditors.
Dated this 23rd June 1993
P.G. DANE, Director.

YORK WAY STUDIOS LIMITED
IN RECEIVERSHIP
Registered Number: 1818937. Nature of business: Provision of Studio Facilities. Trade classification: 46. Date of appointment of administrative receivers: 18 June 1993. Name of person appointing administrative receivers: Barclays Bank PLC. Instrument under which appointment made: Debenture. Date of instrument: 6 December 1990. Joint Administrative Receivers: Peter John Robertson Souster and Peter James Dickerson office holder nos: 2588 and 1277 of Baker Tilly, 2 Bloomsbury Street, London WC1B 3ST.

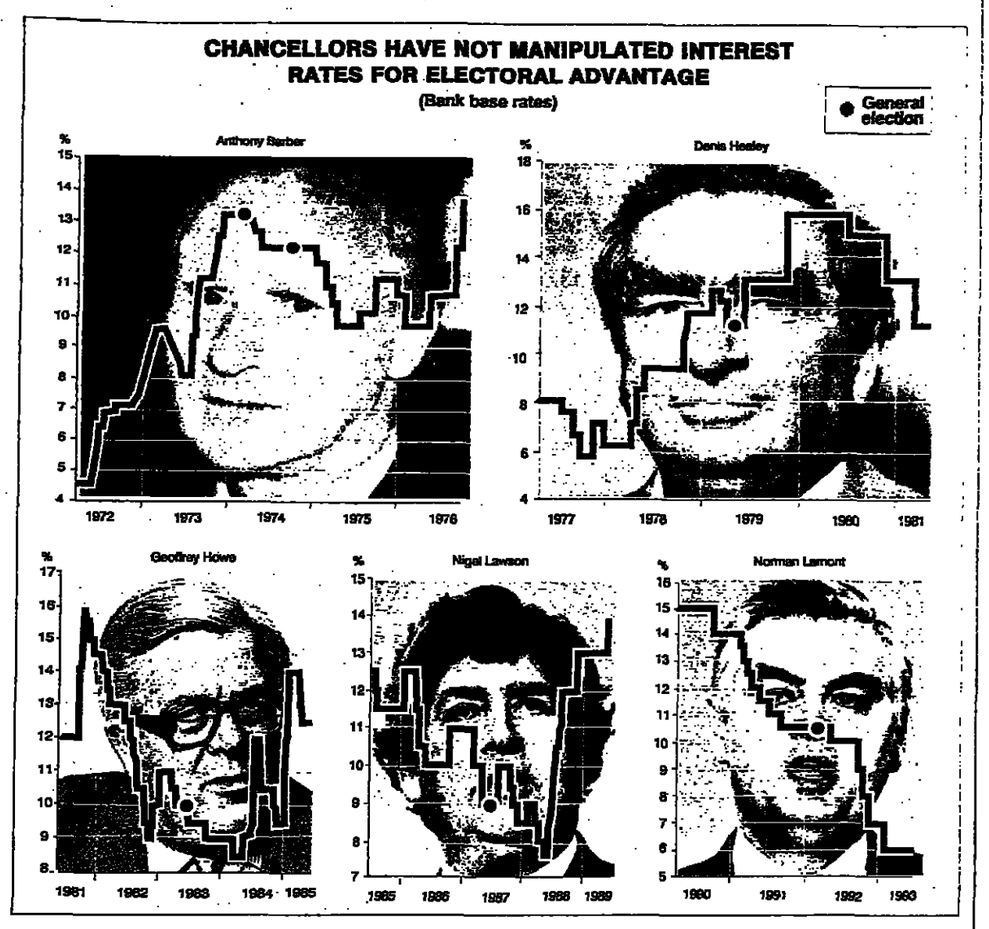
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ECONOMIC VIEW

So why not give the Old Lady a bit more independence?

Anatole Kaletsky argues, in the spirit of John Major's citizen's charter, that central banking should be put out to tender



Eddie George, takes over today as the Governor of the Bank of England, the highest paid non-royal job in the public sector. And already we are thinking of giving him more power. Regular readers of this column will know that I am no fan of the Treasury knights and Chancellors who have helped ruin the British economy. But the idea of giving responsibility for monetary management to an "independent" Bank, which is sweeping the British establishment like an outbreak of *Tulipmania*, smacks of everything that has brought this country low: the search for a single "silver bullet" to deal with all of our economic problems; the eagerness to replicate off-the-peg foreign models; the disregard of practical experience in examining the claims made for theoretical miracle cures.

Two main reasons are usually given for making the Bank independent. First, it would make economic performance more predictable and stable by removing from politicians the monetary levers that they habitually manipulate for short-term electoral ends. Second, central bank independence would produce lower inflation by establishing price stability as a single and clearly-defined objective of monetary policy.

At first sight both arguments seem plausible. But then, so was the claim that a fixed exchange-rate was necessary to achieve economic stability and low inflation; or that Britain's most serious economic problems would be solved if only the unions could be put in their place. So let us consider the facts.

British politicians can be accused of many economic crimes and misdemeanours, but abusing monetary policy for electoral purposes is not one of them. Take a look at the charts, which show interest rates in the two years before and after every general election since March 1974. In most cases, interest rates were raised in the year before a general election, not lowered as political expediency might require.

This broad rule had two exceptions. The clearest was the last election, when rates were cut sharply in the 18 months before the poll. But does anyone seriously believe that the pace of Norman Lamont's monetary easing between 1990 and 1992 was too rapid? Would an independent Bankhave pursued a tougher policy in the ERM years? And would the British economy be healthier today if interest rates had been kept higher before April, 1992?

Apart from Norman Lamont, there has been only one other Chancellor since the 1960s who could justly be accused of manipulating monetary policy for electoral ends. Predictably enough, that monetary sinner was the very Chancellor who made the most noise about his anti-inflationary virtue. Wracked by guilt after failing to control his own worst instincts, he then launched the campaign for an independent central bank. The man in question was, of course, Nigel Lawson.

That Mr Lawson could be accused of monetary manipulation, while other Chancellors were largely blameless, emerges if we look at interest rates just *after* each general election. With the exception of the sharp regime change in 1979, when Margaret Thatcher took over, interest rates fell after the election was over — suggesting that interest rates in the run-up to the election had been kept too *high*, not too low.

The main exception to this pattern was 1987, when interest rates had to be raised shortly after the election. But even in this case, the evidence is ambiguous, and everyone would agree that the worst inflationary mistakes of the Lawson period were made in the 1988 Budget, nine months *after* the election.

Now for the more substantive point of whether an independent central bank would achieve lower inflation. I have argued against the monetarist doctrine that monetary policy should be uniquely directed to achieving price stability, leaving growth, employment, and other economic objectives to be achieved by other means (or, judging by experience in countries that have followed the strict monetarist doctrine, not achieved at all). Instead of repeating these arguments, I would offer proponents of an independent Bank a simple challenge, in the spirit of John Major's citizen's charters and the much-praised New Zealand model. The appeal of this model is that that the central bank signs a clearly-defined performance contract with the government, stipulating the inflation targets it has to achieve (in New Zeland's case rise of 0 to 2 per cent in the consumer price index) and maintaining democratic control by giving the government the right explicitly to over-ride this target at any time by Order in Council.

The trouble with this approach is that, if taken at face value, it absurdly oversimplifies the task of monetary management. Any fool can achieve zero inflation if he controls the central bank and that is his only objective. All he has to do is set real interest rates at, say, 50 per cent. The trouble is, of course, that any central banker who tried this would either destroy the economy or be thrown out of his job.

In practice, responsible central banking will always involve making short-term choices between squeezing inflation a little harder or allowing the economy a little more growth. These choices can be left entirely to the personal whims of bankers or they can be taken by politicians. The trade-offs can be made more open by signing contracts and setting performance targets, as in New Zealand. But to achieve genuine political accountability, the performance targets would have to be renegotiated every year or every month, as economic conditions altered and the government's fiscal policies changed.

What tends to happen in practice, especially at times of economic difficulty, is that monetary and fiscal policy enter a stalemate, with the central bank blaming the government for inflation and politicians blaming the central bank for unemployment. This is what has happened in America, Germany and other countries with decades of experience of central bank independence (unlike New Zealand, whose system is only three years old).

With this experience in mind, I have a simple proposal for adapting the New Zealand to Britain. If the sole target in the performance contact is 2 per cent inflation, then let us apply the spirit of the citizen's charter and put central banking out to tender. If the contract says that I can choose whatever interest rates I like, that I can ignore the state of industry and disregard unemployment, then let me make the government an offer. I can run the Bank and deliver zero inflation — and I can do it for half the £227,000 the government pays Mr George.

TEMPUS

Quantum leap

JUST when everyone had forgotten Hanson's capacity for deal-making, the group comes along with a deal that bears all its hallmarks. The $3.2 billion acquisition of Quantum Chemical will not transform the group's fortunes but it shows that an old dog can still perform old tricks with a certain flair.

Quantum is a classic Hanson target. It invested $1.6 billion in polyethylene plant while the market was collapsing like a plastic bag. *As a result, it has been crippled by* interest charges on its junk bonds.

At a stroke, Hanson can move the business into profitability. Refinancing the $2.5 billion debt at 4 per cent instead of 10.5 per cent will save $160 million. Closing the head office should cut costs by another $50 million. These two moves alone could increase the group's earnings by as much as a halfpenny in 1994.

After that, Hanson will be able to ride the upturn in chemicals prices and demand, so by 1996 Quantum should be making a substantial contribution to earnings.

The deal pushes Hanson's gearing beyond 70 per cent, so it is high time the group demonstrates the other half of its skill by arranging a few well-priced disposals. Quantum's propane gas distribution business does not look like a Hanson business and *could well be on the market before long.*

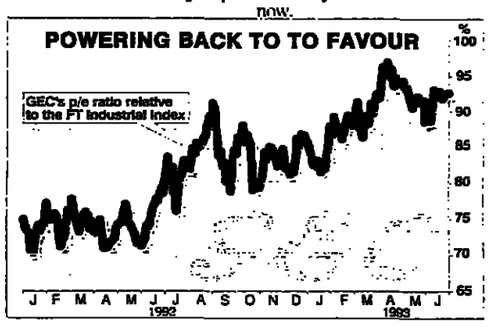
With the issue of 210 million shares to pay for the deal, more than a quarter of Hanson's equity is held in America. Another 10 per cent is held elsewhere. If the Quantum acquisition reverses current opinion, British institutions could become edgy that they are underweight in the stock. If that happens, the share price might be in for a rapid re-rating.

GEC

THE City's opinion of GEC and Lord Weinstock seems to swing between praise and purgatory in ten-year cycles. Throughout much of the eighties, GEC was decried as dull and conservative, and its shares traded at a heavy discount to the market. Today, Lord Weinstock is again heralded as a visionary who has guided GEC away from the ruinous paths trodden by so many of its international competitors. As a result, the shares once again trade at a slight premium to the market on current-year earnings.

There are few companies *in Europe that look stronger* than GEC at present, with £2.1 billion in net cash and leading positions in growth markets such as power generation, where the punitive entry costs deter new competition. The 16 per cent rise in *the order book suggests* that the group does not need to look far for profit growth for the next two years at least.

GEC plans to use some of its cash for equity investments in international projects, cash incentives to increase its chances of winning orders. This may give rise to a whole new investment division of the group which could manage investment from outsiders or joint venture partners, but it will only consume a fraction of the funds, which ae expected to rise by at least another £110 million this year. The market should, therefore, expect a further deal from the group before long. GEC is back in fashion and it would be foolhardy to sell the shares now.



Ratners

IN his darkest moments James McAdam, chairman of Ratners, must wonder whether an eternity ring symbolises friendship or the length of time the group's recovery will take.

However, yesterday's long-awaited results suggest that *Ratners* — soon to be renamed Signet — is at last on the right track. The new two-year debt facility is welcome, although the £65 million rise in net borrowings — largely due to the transfer of £99 million of off-balance sheet debt — is rather disappointing. Shareholders can only hope Mr McAdam is right when he says this was a one-off.

Ratners has been more successful in its control of expenses. The removal of £51 million of operating costs and an £84 million reduction in stocks led to a cash inflow of £84 million from the group's trading operations, compared with an outflow of £13 million last year. This has significantly reduced the breakeven point, which will aid the group in its much-needed sales drive this year.

Nonetheless, with preference share dividend payments rolling up at about £25 million a year and a capital reconstruction still possible, it is hard to see much value for ordinary shareholders.

Gilt auction

EDDIE George and Rupert Pennant-Rea can take their new seats at the Bank of England today with an indulgent sigh. The success of yesterday's record £3.25 billion gilt-edged auction suggests the Bank is well ahead of its task in funding the government's £50 billion borrowing requirement.

Initially, the auction's cover of 1.1 times looked too close for comfort. The market had been hoping the issue would be at least 50 per cent over-subscribed, since the ten-year paper on sale should have in theory attracted overseas investors.

Nevertheless, this was the most difficult auction the Bank had ever attempted and it succeeded. Apart from the size, this was a full-paid issue, which put a considerable strain on institutional cash flow. The implications of the success dawned on the market slowly through the day, and the Bank was quick to take advantage of a late rally to launch an £800 million tap.

Only three months into the financial year, the Bank is approaching half-way in its funding programme, having raised more than £22 billion. This gives it scope to scale back the next two auctions as the institutions take their holidays.

Hartstone

IF shareholders in Hartstone hoped that last month's profit warning heralded the end of bad news then they are disappointed.

A £9.9 million pre-tax loss was in line with expectations, but net borrowings of £57 million at the year end are likely to exceed £100 million by August pushing gearing to 200 per cent. Having breached its banking covenants, Hartstone is still trying to negotiate a refinancing with its lenders. With difficult trading conditions set to continue, the shares will remain at their present low rating.

THE TIMES CITY DIARY

No regrets over job for life

WHEN Sir Patrick Sheehy told the police to get away from the concept of jobs for life, was he signalling some regret over his own 43-year stint with BAT Industries? It seems unlikely; given that the man who joined British American Tobacco fresh from the Irish Guards in 1950 earns more each week as its chairman than an average police officer does in a year. Sir Patrick, who calls for performance-related pay and fixed-term contracts in the biggest shake up of police life for 74 years, earned £1 million last year.



Sheehy: £1 million a year

City watch

PRESUMABLY competition will be intense for a crack at guarding the new Fortress City among ambitious police officers keen to bolster their pay packets by displaying just how efficiently they can ward off IRA bombing attacks. City officials have already earmarked £1 million to recruit 57 extra officers to the Square Mile, where they will man permanent Belfast-style checkpoints to combat the threat of terrorism. With police pay scales also to be directly linked to the proximity to dangerous "frontline" inner city areas, perhaps it will become preferable to being stationed in Brixton. Unless, of course, the IRA steps up its City bombing campaign. But while Sir Patrick's recommendations have met some criticism, the corporation has won backing for its fortress plans from more than 400 City institutions.

Crossed wires

WHEN BT unveiled plans on Monday to restrict direct access to adult telephone lines from July next year, its rival Mercury was quick to follow suit. But soon after the excitement died down, it apparently dawned on Mercury's technical wizards that they weren't quite sure how to go about it. By the afternoon, BT's call stream services manager, Duncan Ingram, got a call from Andy Gutteridge, his opposite number at Mercury, asking him to explain how BT was able to make the restrictions work. Gutteridge, I understand, was politely told to go about his business. Naturally Mercury has a different slant of the conversation. Mercury says Gutteridge was merely ringing to congratulate BT on "finding such an elegant solution" to the problem.

Keeping mum

CLEARLY the new Chancellor intends to act out to the full his scrapping of traditional pre-Budget purdah. CBI leaders were jubilant yesterday when Kenneth Clarke accepted an invitation to address their annual conference in November — a week before the Budget. Previous CBI conferences have wound up as guessing games, with delegates listening to ministers speak at length about nothing while wondering how much of their director-general's shopping list would be taken up. The ebullient Clarke must be very confident of his ability not to give anything away to give such a speech days before his first Budget.

Easy options

FRUSTRATED with private investors' failure to exploit "the exciting and potentially rewarding" world of traded options, the founder and former chairman the London Traded Options Market today launches a new bi-weekly magazine to convince punters that derivatives are not the risky, complicated and expensive investments they are cracked up to be. Geoffrey Chamberlain, who left LTOM last year after its merger with Liffe, reckons at least 6,000 small investors will be interested in reading *The Options Trader*, which will have colour charts, many statistics and a "back-to-basics" section for beginners. Chamberlain, now chief executive of Financial Publications, parent of brokers Durlacher & Co and Throgmorton Press, says the magazine will give subscribers "an innovative and flexible approach" to investment.

MELINDA WITTSTOCK

BUSINESS LETTERS

TUC still has role despite rise of super unions

From the General Secretary of the Trades Union Congress

Sir, In his article on the rise of super unions (June 29), Philip Bassett asks "What can the TUC do that new giant trade unions cannot do for *themselves?*".

The answer is simple: a lot.

The TUC currently represents 69 unions. It provides a united and co-ordinated approach to policy matters, campaign issues and in representations to the government, Europe and other influential bodies. History has shown national trade unions are stronger when they act together through one national centre rather than when they are divided into competing groups.

Even without the Bridlington rules there will remain a role for the TUC to help resolve difficulties between unions. And the annual Congress remains an important national focus on the work of the trade union movement.

Whilst the super unions will gain strength through increased numbers, the effectiveness of the movement as a whole depends on the ability of unions to work collectively.

As has been shown time after time in our 125-year history, this is best done through the TUC.

Yours sincerely,
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Severance payments and the politics of envy

From Mr Ronald D. Fox

Sir, For many years the politics of envy have been rife in the UK. Recipients of large sums of money are regarded as "fair game". Mr Richards' remarks (Business Letters, June 28) are a typical example.

Undoubtedly, the go-go 1980s have given way to a more restrained decade. But in attacking the amounts received by departing executives, the reasons behind the large sums are sometimes lost in a fog of quasi-piety.

Many senior people in industry and commerce have recently received newsworthy severance payments, often based on three-year rolling term contracts. Mitigation is currently difficult or impossible for chairmen and chief executives of public companies. The time of dismissal is when mitigation must be judged — not with the benefit of hindsight.

Dismissal (despite the oral balm applied in public) often comes at the end of a long and (for the most part) successful career. Suitable alternative work for top executives is often not a realistic option.

There is also pressure on employers to do (and be seen doing) the decent thing. Companies have a direct economic interest in being seen to have behaved fairly — both by the departing executive and those who continue.

Perhaps the greatest injustice occurs when dismissal is simply not the executive's fault. Mr Rawlins was set an impossible task. A personality clash at Glaxo is said to have led to a termination payment of £3 million. Other situations include strategic realignment or institutional pressure for short-term results.

Will the limit on the length of executives' contacts which Mr Alastair Ross Goobey, of Postel, is reportedly suggesting be accompanied by a corresponding change in attitude by the institutions? Will they begin to look to the long-term, with all that this may entail for the future benefit of the UK economy? Or will the culture change, which Mr Goobey is said to be promoting, simply be another twist in the vicious circle of short-termism.

Yours faithfully,
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No easy solutions

From P. S. Hopkins

Sir, If there is a case for demerging the clearing banks it is not made by Anthony Harris's article (June 29). Indeed, it is not at all clear whether he is trying to make a case for a demerger or merely seeking another angle from which to "have a go" at the clearing banks.

The attempt to place the Merseyside decline on to Barclays' shoulders as a result of the Martins takeover in 1969 (not, as stated, 40 years ago) is inaccurate and without foundation. This first paragraph sets the tone for the remainder of a confused and naive article. Is Mr Harris advocating a model along US banking lines or "far-sighted local banks" where examples were hard to find (ie he couldn't find any)?

Everyone is now aware of the mistakes made by the clearing banks in their short-sighted rush for growth.

That the solutions are not easy to find is perhaps one conclusion that can be drawn from Mr Harris's piece.

Yours faithfully,
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Former chief of Hartstone gets £400,000

By Philip Pangalos

STEPHEN Barker, who resigned as chairman and chief executive of Hartstone Group in May after a series of profit warnings, will receive total compensation of £400,000.

The news came as the hosiery to leather goods group dived into the red and finally spelled out its finances after a traumatic year for shareholders. Substantial exceptional charges pushed Hartstone to a pre-tax loss of £9.9 million in the year to March 31, compared with a £22.1 million profit the previous year.

There were £11.9 million of one-off costs related to rationalisation and aborted acquisitions; additional exceptional provisions to put the group back into shape totalled £18.7 million. These will cover refinancing and professional fees, structural reorganisation and writing-off of assets.

Shaun Dowling, Hartstone's newly appointed chairman, said the results were "clearly disappointing". They reflected the effects of recession and unforeseen problems arising from the build-up of an international group of 21 companies in only four years.

Since his appointment, the company, which is based in Thame, Oxfordshire, had completed a business plan for the next three years. Talks are continuing with Hartstone's lenders on a temporary standstill agreement, initially until the end of August, pending a longer-term restructuring.

Net borrowings at the year-end were £57 million, against £40.9 million last time. Borrowings currently stand at £87 million, reflecting a seasonal rise. Shareholders' funds collapsed to £47.5 million, from £79 million, as a result of difficult trading conditions. At the trading level, the group made profits of £21.9 million (£24.5 million), on turnover — boosted by acquisitions — of £370 million (£238 million).

Mr Dowling said he disagreed with "the whole system of legal entitlements" (a reference to compensation), and was critical of past management decisions and of Mr Barker. Non-executive directors had had to "pick up the pieces". He spoke of "inadequate management controls and poor reporting procedures". There had been "fundamental mistakes" and "unwise" acquisitions.

Stephen Oakley, 41, was named finance director. The final dividend is passed; shareholders will have to make do with their interim payout of 2.8p. They received a total of 4.875p last year.

Hartstone shares fell 4p to 35p, against a high of 277p last year.

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Stepping down: Sir Tom has been invited to become life president after more than 50 years with T Cowie

Sir Tom to retire as Cowie chairman

SIR Tom Cowie is to step down as chairman and a director of T Cowie, the motor distribution and finance group, at the end of this year. But the board has invited Sir Tom, who is 70 years old, to become life president of the company after his retirement as chairman.

The Sunderland group is seeking to appoint an independent non-executive chairman designate and to increase the compliment of non-executive directors to three, including the chairman.

Gordon Hodgson, chief executive, said the board would like to pay tribute to Sir Tom who built the company from a single motor cycle business in Sunderland to one of the UK's leading vehicle finance and distribution businesses employing 3,500 people and having a turnover in the region of £800 million.

Cowie shares added 7p to 248p.

Parkinson to head Starmin after board shake-up

By Martin Flanagan

LORD Parkinson, the former Conservative minister, has taken over as chairman of Starmin, the quarrying group, after an abrupt boardroom shake-up that has seen power transferred from the ruling Abdullah brothers.

Starmin's board also disclosed it is investigating the disclosure and accounting treatment of a spree of rights issue-bankrolled acquisitions and disposals that the Abdullahs embarked on in 1991 and 1992. The shares immediately fell 2p to 2.75p, wiping more than 40 per cent, or £6.7 million, off the value of the company.

In an announcement that surprised the City, Osman Abdullah resigned from the board and quit his post of chief executive. Raschid, his brother, relinquishes his executive responsibilities for acquisitions, but continues as a non-executive.

The board has also said it will not go ahead with its recommendation for a final dividend of 0.2p for 1992. There was an interim dividend of 0.1p. Starmin recently announced pre-tax losses for 1992 of £8.05 million.

Owen Rout, the former non-executive chairman who has taken over as acting chief executive, said the review, expected to be finalised by the end of this month, may result in adjustments being made to the published 1991 accounts and 1992 preliminary results. It means the publication of the company's report and accounts and the AGM have been postponed *sine die*.

Mr Rout said there was no suggestion of fraud or impropriety in connection with the review, which will be undertaken by external consultants.

He doubted "at the moment" whether the review would trigger material adjustments to Starmin's accounts or results for 1991-2. He confirmed the enquiry "was not cash-related".

Asked why Osman Abdullah had stepped down, Mr Rout said it was mutually agreed after discussions, but not to be interpreted as criticism associated with the need for a review. He would not be drawn on who initiated the discussions.

He added that it was possible Osman wanted to pursue other interests given that the brothers were "both acquisition-driven" and these had dried up in 1992.

The Abdullahs spent more than £30 million on acquisitions from May 1990 to November 1991, financed by three rights issue that raised over £33 million, as the City continued to be excited by the brothers entrepreneurial drive.

The brothers made their name in the mid-80s when they turned Evered into an aggressive acquisitions-propelled building products group. They were ousted from there in 1989.

The Abdullah brothers, including Ahmed, who is not connected with Starmin, own 16.5 per cent of the group.

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Chemical industry 'cleaner and safer'

By Nigel Hawkes, Science Editor

THE chemical industry is cleaner, safer and more energy-conscious than ever before, a set of indicators published yesterday suggests.

Since 1990, the Chemical Industries Association has been tracking six indicators designed to measure its performance in health, safety and environmental protection. The indicators are part of a programme called Responsible Care.

With three years' indicators recorded, the CIA yesterday issued the first of what is expected to be an annual audit of the industry's performance.

The trends are mostly running in the right direction. Spending on environmental protection has risen from £830 million to £1,032 million, and the discharge of dangerous substances on the "red list" is down by 40 per cent, from just over 400 tons in 1990 to 243 in 1992. These include heavy metals, pesticides, as well as damaging and persistent chemicals.

Safety has also improved. Lost-time accidents reached a record low among CIA members in 1992, though the trend among contractors working on members' sites is flat. Even so, the chemical industry has the lowest rate of fatal injuries of all manufacturing industry. Accidents in distribution are also declining, though reporting in this area is thin.

Energy consumption has fallen by 6 per cent over the three years, but measured per unit of output, it has shown the effects of the recession and registered a rise between 1991 and 1992.

Declining output has damaged energy efficiency by forcing plants to operate below their optimum levels. Complaints, running at about 16 per site, show no particular trend.

Audi sales rise in UK but fall in Europe

From Reuter in Ingolstadt

AUDI, the Volkswagen subsidiary, said first-half 1993 car deliveries to customers in the UK rose 13 per cent year-on-year to 10,307 units.

However, provisional figures show that car deliveries in Germany dropped 27.6 per cent to 96,284 units during the period.

In Audi's other main European markets, car deliveries fell steeply, declining 32.1 per cent in Italy, 38.1 per cent in Belgium and 37.1 in France.

Deliveries in China rose 82 per cent to 10,215 units, but fell 62 per cent in Japan to 2,283. American deliveries rose 5.4 per cent to 7,143.

The company's staff numbers declined 8.2 per cent during the period. Franz-Josef Kortuem, chairman of Audi, said that in spite of the current negative trend, he was hopeful the company would be able to overcome its difficulties.

Audi would now establish itself more strongly in foreign markets, he added.

He struck a note of gloom, however, by saying that current weakness would hit staff most harshly, with 4,000 jobs expected to go this year.

Site deal enquiry clears Smurfit

By Our City Staff

AN IRISH businessman has been cleared of any allegations of wrong-doing after an enquiry lasting more than two years, it was disclosed.

The allegations against Michael Smurfit involved the purchase of a Dublin factory site by the Irish Republic's telephone company. Mr Smurfit, head of a multi-national paper and board group, resigned as Telcom Eireann's chairman, after a dispute over the sale intensified in 1991.

The site deal produced a £3 million profit within a year. The initial purchasers were a company in which Mr Smurfit had 10 per cent. The land was sold to Telecom Eireann for conversion as its headquarters, a project since abandoned.

The enquiry is understood to have concluded that Mr Smurfit had no involvement in the sale of the site and made no financial gain. The findings have been circulated to the main parties, but are unlikely to be published until later this year, as the affair is still being investigated by the Irish police fraud squad.



Smurfit: not involved

Argentina sells state oil group

From Gabriela Gamini in Buenos Aires

ARGENTINA will cap its wide-ranging privatisation programme this week with the sale of its state oil company, YPF (Yacimientos Petroliferos Fiscales), marking the first time in Latin America that a state-owned oil company is being allowed to pass into private hands.

The state hopes to raise more than $3 billion from a shares offering on Friday that will spread to international investors, though it will retain 20 per cent of Argentina's largest company.

British companies, such as British Gas, say they are interested in YPF shares, and the Argentine government claims it has received $2 billion worth of requests for shares in European and Japanese stock markets. But most shares are likely to sell in the American market and locally.

Carlos Menem, the Argentine president, announced on Tuesday during a state visit to Washington — as the first South American president to meet President Clinton — that 160 million shares will be floated on the international stock market at $19 each.

Even though it will still be the largest shareholder, the government has promised that control will pass to the private sector. But, unlike previous privatisations, a controlling stake will not be sold to foreign companies.

The government had a British style privatisation in mind, in which the state-installed management remain, but it is likely that the new shareholders will also prefer new management.

José Estensorro, the current president of YPF, can claim credit for getting the loss-making company into shape in time for privatisation. He has cut the workforce from 52,000 to less than 12,000 and has sold off oil and gas wells so that the company ceases to retain its monopoly of the petroleum industry. The total value of the company is estimated at between $6 billion and $7 billion.

The sale, which closes on July 2, marks the changes in Argentina's economy since President Menem took office in July, 1989. But Domingo Cavallo, the economy minister, can claim most of the credit for the successful implementation of economic reforms that have tackled inflation. Señor Cavallo also master-minded the privatisation of all big state-run industries, including gas, electricity, and railways to bring the state deficit under control.

But the YPF sale has attracted criticism as being politically motivated. Most of the proceeds will go to pay off a $1.56 billion state debt with pensioners, while Señor Menem's government is looking for votes in October's Congressional elections.

Small gains in thin trade

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings began June 21. Dealings end July 2. §Contango day July 5. Settlement day July 12. §Forward bargains are permitted on two previous business days. Prices recorded are at market close. Changes are calculated on the previous day's close, but adjustments are made when a stock is ex-dividend. Changes, yields and price/earnings ratios are based on middle prices.

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1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
421	345	Abbey Nat	409½	+2½	11.5	3.5	15.8
263	179	Allied Irish	258	-5	...	4.4	13.2
176	130	Aus New Z	163	-2	...	5.5	...
3806¼	2712½	Bankamerica	3956	-68¾	...	...	...
253	188	Bk of Ireland	250	-3	...	5.1	17.0
425	325	Bk Leumi UK	325	...	17.0	6.5	...
156	116½	Bank Scotland	154	...	4.5	3.7	30.7
493	362	Barclays	483	+11	...	3.9	...
3½	2	Benchmark	3½	...	...	...	...
52	31	Brown Shipley	35	...	...	...	...
21	15½	Carlisle	19	...	...	...	...
513	395	Cater Allen	477	-1	20.0	7.1	...
130	85	Cattles	129	...	...	4.1	17.2
2150	1787½	Chase Manh	2125	-40½	...	...	...
2012½	1343½	Citicorp	1975	-31½	...	...	...
350	250	Close Bros	342	...	...	3.5	15.2
£125	9275	Commerzbk	£117½	-75	...	1.4	...
£304½	£250½	Deutsche Bk	£264½	-212½	...	2.4	...
81	45	First Nat Fin	75	+1	...	...	...
1443	876	Fuji Bank	1316	...	...	0.4	...
405	243	Gerrard Nat	419	...	21.5	6.4	11.1
697	430	HSBC	667	+3	19.0	3.6	16.0
648	474	HSBC HK	644	+3	19.0	3.7	15.4
356	243	Hambros	335	-1	...	5.2	15.7
363	313	Joseph (L)	358	...	15.8	5.5	...
155	96	King Shaxson	135	...	9.0	8.3	...
420	312	Kleinwort Ben	403	...	16.0	5.0	14.0
554	492	Lloyds	540	-10	18.4	4.0	16.6
87	63	Lon Scot Fi	92	...	3.0	4.6	16.3
451½	322	Nat Aust Bk	440	+2	...	4.6	15.3
491½	398	Nat West	491	+7	17.5	4.5	29.6
397	250	Provident	379	-2	11.4	3.8	16.4
47	39	Rea Bros	42	-1	0.5	1.5	44.5
292	207	Ryl Bk Scot	283	+2	8.5	3.9	...
987	467½	Schroders	953	...	...	1.4	19.0
787	576	Stand Chart	778	-5	20.0	3.2	...
198	145½	TSB	195	+2	6.4	4.2	...
150	78	Union Disc	143	...	...	...	...
741	529	Warburg SG	729	...	...	3.3	18.4
255	185	-do- 6% 'A'	252	...	...	3.0	...
7450	4843½	Wells Fargo	7275	-156½	...	1.4	...
172	121	Westpac	164	-1	...	4.6	...
250	188	Wintrust	240	...	9.3	5.0	...

BREWERIES

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
640	517	Allied-Lyons	537	-3	...	4.9	14.5
647	444	Bass	487	+2	15.9	4.9	10.6
299	189	Boddington	282	...	7.3	3.2	16.4
415	342	Bulmer (HP)	383	...	9.0	2.9	17.6
159	129	Burtonwd Brw	141	...	4.4	3.9	10.3
372	261	Devenish (JA)	366	...	7.8	2.7	20.6
102	75	Eldridge P 'A'	99	...	...	4.2	25.8
68½	50	Fosters Brewing	50½	-1	...	5.4	7.0
394	338	Fuller Sm 'A'	394	+11	6.7	2.1	16.5
480	380	Grand Met	428	-2	12.3	3.6	14.0
427	354	Greenalls Grp	358	...	11.7	4.1	11.9
563	505	Greene King	517	+3	11.6	2.8	13.5
516	440	Guinness	471	+6	...	3.1	16.8
291	230	Hardy Hansn	264	+1	7.9	3.7	14.8
125	105	Heavitree	105	...	3.0	3.7	25.0
95	78	-do- 'A' LV	82	...	3.0	4.7	19.5
338	255	Highland Dist	338	+10	6.0	2.2	22.5
3125	2538	Holt J	3075	...	41.0	1.7	20.0
58	33	Hoskins Brew	56	...	...	...	40.1
323	250	Invergordon Dist	278	...	7.0	3.1	...
196	157	Macallan-Glen	170	...	0.9	0.7	38.2
465	375	Marstn Thmpsn 'A'	383	+3	...	2.9	18.3
955	695	Mansfield	819	-11	15.4	2.4	...
273	231	Marston Thmp	271	-1	5.4	2.5	...
416	328½	Matthew Clark	405	+2	...	5.3	...
300	252	Merrydown W	293	...	...	2.7	21.2
545	455	Morland	543	...	8.4	1.9	21.6
12	6½	Paramount	8½	...	...	2.1	15.5
165	145	Regent Inns	165	...	...	3.5	16.3
950	753	SA Breweries	866	-8	...	3.2	14.4
462½	408	Scot & New	463	+2	16.1	4.3	12.6
223	181	Taunton Cider	216	...	...	2.7	20.2
248	213	Vaux Group	230	-2	9.3	5.1	15.9
301	225	Wetherspoon JD	291	...	...	2.1	23.5
507	435	Whitbread 'A'	505	-9	...	4.4	12.7
1180	850	-do- 'B'	994	...	...	2.2	25.0
613	496	Wolvrhmptn D	503	-1	11.4	2.8	14.1
515	475	Young 'A'	485	...	14.5	3.7	20.1

BUILDING, ROADS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
115	73	Abbey	105	-8	...	1.3	37.9
27	13	Albrighton	21	...	...	...	...
123	87	Allen	123	...	...	5.2	...
99	65	Amec	90	+3	3.0	4.2	16.6
9½	4	Anglia Sec	6	...	...	...	...
216	155	Ashtead	215	...	4.1	2.4	26.7
142	108	Atwoods	117	...	5.0	5.3	16.9
240	180	BPB Ind	224	+2	...	4.2	56.9
99	57	Baggeridge Brk	77	...	3.1	5.1	25.9
31	18	Bailey (Ben) Con	26	...	0.5	...	...
105	74	Barcom	95	...	1.2	1.6	17.2
158	94	Barratt Devs	157	-1	2.0	1.6	17.5
412	305	Bellway	404	...	...	3.7	23.4
32	15	Bellwinch	26	...	...	...	...
421	295½	Berkeley Gp	397	-3	6.0	1.9	...
83	45	Ben Bros	83	...	...	0.8	3.4
63	36	Blockleys	59	...	1.0	2.1	65.2
265	189	Blue Circle	252	-2	...	5.0	...
295	230	Boot (Henry)	278	...	5.9	2.7	15.6
106	78	Breedon PLC	90	...	4.6	6.4	21.8
121	82	Br Dredging	115	...	5.2	5.7	25.5
83	45	Brit Fittings	78	...	1.5	2.4	...
151	99	Bryant	136½	-½	4.8	4.4	29.2
81	53	CALA	80	...	2.3	...	...
284	205	CRH	278	-1	...	3.3	17.7
43	22	Cakebread Rby	31	-1	...	...	...
46	23	Costain	40	-1	...	...	...
138	86½	Countryside	136	-1	...	3.8	35.5
70	38	Crest Nicholson	69	...	0.0	...	...
94	28	Cussins	86	+1	...	...	...
3½	1½	Dunton	1½	...	...	...	...
25	16½	Edmond Hldgs	19½	...	0.5	3.2	...
260	178	Epwin	258	-1	6.8	3.3	21.8
51	32	Erith	49	...	0.3	0.9	...
380	252	Eve Group	377	...	...	3.2	13.7
59	34	Evered Bardon	54	...	2.0	4.8	25.3
6½	3½	Explaura	3½	...	...	...	...
140	97	Freeman Gp	136	...	...	4.6	21.6
50	38	Galliford	38	...	4.3	...	15.3
78	53	Gibbs & Dandy	55	...	...	...	...
883	695	Gleeson (MJ)	878	+5	12.7	1.8	14.2
122½	90	Hewden-Stuart	120	...	...	3.4	27.3
51	28	Hewetson	46	...	1.2	3.5	...
293	186	Heywd Wlm	292	...	12.5	5.4	...
106	37	Higgs & Hill	87	...	2.5	3.6	...
35	27	How Gp	28	...	...	6.7	...
19	15	Howard Hldgs	18	...	0.5	3.5	...
70	39	Ibstock Johnsen	64	...	1.0	2.0	...
19	12½	Jarvis	19	...	...	...	...
278	196	Laing (J)	267	+3	9.0	4.2	10.7
83	55	Ln Clydesdale	75	...	4.5	7.5	29.2
23	10½	Lovell (YJ)	21	...	...	...	9.5
320	240	Manders	319	...	9.0	3.5	19.5
143	93	Marley	140	+1	4.2	3.8	41.1
95	61	Marshalls	91	...	4.0	5.7	...
175	122	Maunders (J)	168	-5	4.9	3.7	15.4
214	96	Mcalpine (A)	202	...	6.5	4.0	35.0
40	23	McCarthy & S	33	...	0.5	...	...
398	272	Meyer Int	351	+8	...	3.6	35.1
4	4	Miskin Gp	4	...	...	...	...
129	62	Mowlem (J)	111	+6	4.0	4.5	...
86	51	NSM	79	...	...	...	...
55	48	Needler	48	...	...	3.7	21.3
160	106	Newman Tnks	151	...	...	6.6	20.2
300	197	Persimmon	268	+4	8.6	4.0	27.3
31	20	Phoenix Timber	25	-1	...	...	...
1625	1237½	Pochins	1412½	...	29.0	2.6	8.6
146	80	Prowting	125	-3	3.4	3.4	...
6½	3½	Quiligotti	4	...	...	...	...
790	555	RMC Gp	736	-3	...	3.4	29.0
117	87	Raine Ind	87	...	6.0	8.6	14.5
26	20	Ransom	22	...	...	...	...
519	402	Redland	476	+3	25.0	6.6	27.7
73	64	Roskel	78	...	4.3	6.9	11.5
296	207	Rugby Group	270	+3	6.4	3.0	20.7
42	23	Ssrfid-Rvr	42	...	...	...	...
113	68	Sharpe & Fisher	112	...	...	4.5	19.5
177	80½	Sheffield Insl	176	...	...	3.8	13.2
120	82	Sheriff Hldgs	120	...	...	2.1	17.7
95	66	Shorco	73	...	...	8.9	16.6
229	197	Smart (J)	197	...	8.5	5.4	9.0
6½	2½	Starmin	2½	-2	0.3	13.6	...
142	103	Tarmac	140	-1	5.5	4.9	...
194	137	Tay Homes	177	-1	5.8	4.1	11.3
119	82	Taylor Woodrw	102	-2	1.0	1.2	...
675	455	Tilbury Dougls	615	...	33.0	6.7	...
39	19	Torex Hire	34	...	...	1.5	...
240	168	Travis Perkins	240	+6	8.0	4.2	42.3
40	30	Try Group	35	...	1.0	3.6	9.9
28	26	Tudor	28	...	...	1.1	...
74	41	Vibroplant	66	...	2.5	4.8	...
65	20	Ward Hldgs	50	...	...	...	...
39	28	Waterhouse	28	...	...	...	...
475	360	Watts Blake	425	...	10.7	3.1	18.3
26	8	Wescol	26	...	...	...	...
157	90	Westbury	134	...	5.0	4.7	20.9
12	4	West Scaffold	8½	...	...	...	...
12	5	Wiggins	9	...	...	...	...
461	371	Wilson Bowdn	417	-1	9.7	2.6	28.0
215	147	Wilson (C)	179	...	3.9	2.7	31.0
187	104	Wimpey G	165	-1	...	4.0	...
47	25	YRM	37	...	4.0	...	4.3

BUSINESS SERVICES

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
675	463	ADT	590	+7	...	...	...
225	198	Adam & Harvey	213	...	11.0	6.5	3.3
62	50	Air London	55	...	...	0.7	8.0
54	37	African Lakes	54	-1	2.0	4.6	...
176	125	Auto Sec	173	-1	...	3.9	31.0
118	54	BET Ord	115	-1	...	7.5	4.6
97	41	BSB Res	91	...	4.9	6.7	...
325	254	BTP	290	...	9.0	3.4	16.0
255	235	Barbour Index	235	-3	7.2	3.9	17.4
22	15	Bousteau	19	...	0.7	4.6	...
251	184	Brit Data Mgt	251	+1	...	2.0	31.9
21	11	Broadcastle	21	...	...	...	16.7
21	14	Brooks Service	16	-2	...	...	...
104	96	CRT Gp	102	+1	2.4	2.9	11.7
178	159	Capita Group	175	+3	...	1.2	27.3
45	31	Caird Plc	44	...	...	2.3	16.7
55	40	Chiltern Capital	49	...	...	...	...
51	26	Chrysalis	43	...	...	...	...
320	228	Chubb Sec	319	+1	...	1.9	21.2
36	18	Cordiant	30	-7	...	2.5	20.0
30	6	Corp Services	25	...	...	...	...
93	50	Daniel	89	...	3.3	4.7	11.9
231	198	Davis Service	229	...	...	4.4	17.2
104	65	FW Pages	91	...	4.3	5.9	10.4
26	11	Gardiner	24	...	0.6	3.4	17.0
55	30	Gardiner (DC)	45	-4	...	...	...
246	215	Hays	234	+1	4.6	2.5	22.0
220	174	Hogg Robinson	217	+7	6.6	3.9	...
79	43	Holmes Protectn	43	...	...	...	2.8
190	122	Hunt Wharnp	176	+1	...	2.7	...
1575	975	ISS B DKr	1575	+42	...	3.7	2.5
557	532	Inchcape	552	...	...	3.0	20.2
963	669	Johnson Clean	939	...	25.7	3.9	...
12	2	Lep	6	...	...	...	...
244	172	Mitie Gp	225	...	2.7	1.5	18.5
1037	693	Manpower	996	...	...	...	...
71	40	Michael Page	50	...	1.5	4.5	21.2
279	193	Pentos	276	...	...	6.4	7.3
4½	2	Prime People	3	...	...	...	...
142	90	Prudhoe Alex	91	-1	...	15.2	5.5
423	365	RCO	365	...	12.8	4.8	12.3
123	101	REA	101	...	4.0	5.0	...
103	43	Reed Executive	39	...	...	...	...
146	113	Reliance Secs	131	...	...	4.3	13.2
234	178	Rentokil	234	+1	2.3	1.4	25.4
292	240	Rolfe & Nolan	277	...	...	3.2	15.6
398	342	Salvesen (C)	367	-2	...	2.7	19.6
36	29	Scot Pickford	29	...	...	7.4	8.0
315	164	Securiguard	315	+2	9.4	3.9	16.4
10	5	Select Appt	6	...	...	...	...
968	663	Serco Gp	943	...	14.0	1.9	26.1
252	235	Shield Cmps	236	...	...	1.7	...
130	40	Skechley	94	...	...	4.0	21.5
356	310	Warner Howrd	317	...	6.5	2.6	16.5
76	33	Webster	36	...	...	...	...
30	14	Wills Gp	21½	...	...	0.6	29.1

CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
248	210	Allied Colloids	235	+1	...	2.3	20.1
798	613	Amersham	798	+11	13.5	2.1	...
7	3	Anglo Utd	7	...	...	...	...
10325	8225	BASF DM	9300	-196½	...	7.5	...
282	199	BTP	276	+6	9.3	4.2	...
£114	£101½	Bayer DM50	£107½	-125	...	5.3	...
179	134	Blagden	163	...	9.5	7.3	17.6
165	43	Brent Chems	104	...	...	9.9	9.5
420	370	Br Bio-Tech	379	-5	...	...	...
25	15	Caird Gp	15	...	...	17.1	41.7
153	126	Canning (W)	135	...	7.2	6.8	15.5
609	504	Courtaulds	591	-5	...	3.1	14.9
291	238	Croda	291	...	...	3.3	19.0
140	121	Doefler	140	...	4.6	4.1	12.7
279	175	Ellis & Everard	216	...	7.0	4.1	19.7
23½	15	Euro Colour	21½	...	0.5	3.2	19.3
299	259	Halstead (J)	299	...	...	2.5	15.0
241	194	Hickson	214	-3	...	4.7	19.8
£114½	8650	Hoechst	£101½	-130	...	3.7	...
225	195	Holliday Chem	215	...	...	2.2	19.8
710	608	ICI	656	-2	...	5.2	...
688	481	Laporte	618	+3	19.5	3.9	17.1
223	181	Leigh	200	-3	7.8	5.0	...
97½	35	MTM	53	...	...	...	...
1750	1467½	Norsk Hydro	1650	...	...	1.7	23.4
450	370	Paterson Zoch	447	...	11.4	3.2	19.3
400	360	-do- 'A'	398	...	11.4	3.6	17.2
296	229½	Plysu	231	...	...	3.8	15.1
215	173	Porvair	215	...	3.6	2.1	23.0
17½	7½	Sutcliffe Speak	12½	...	...	...	...
475	425	Wardle Storeys	430	...	16.0	4.7	17.3
490	395	Wistnhlme R	470	...	17.0	4.5	16.1
401	355	Yorks Chem	361	...	...	2.6	19.3
306	240	Yule Catto	263	-2	5.9	2.8	16.1
637	609	Zeneca	625	+3	...	5.5	38.9

DRAPERY, STORES

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
105	61	Alexon	74	-1	...	5.5	...
87	42	Amber Day	64	...	3.1	6.1	17.5
326½	257	Argos Plc	310	-2	...	2.8	26.5
118	69	Ashley (Laura)	111	...	0.1	0.1	...
305	278	Asprey	288	...	...	2.1	23.4
134	94	Austin Reed	120	...	...	3.4	...
153	125	Beattie (J) 'A'	143	...	...	5.2	14.4
121	94	Bentalls	99	...	1.9	2.4	...
276	208	Betterware	250	...	...	1.0	29.9
35	22	Blacks Leis	34	...	2.2	8.7	...
227	137	Body Shop	188	+1	...	1.1	24.2
15½	11½	Brown & Jacksn	13½	-¼	...	0.8	...
401	318	Brown (N)	386	...	...	2.3	22.7
87½	64½	Burton	86½	+1	...	2.9	...
145	126	Cantors	142	-1	...	2.4	18.9
360	295	Church	355	...	12.5	4.4	31.6
183	97	Clinton Cards	145	+7	4.2	3.7	17.5
248	212	Coats Viyella	243	-4	...	3.7	28.6
106	78	Colourvision	98	...	...	...	16.6
645	374	Courts Furnish	645	+13	5.5	1.1	...
155	115	Crown Eyes	137	...	...	5.5	6.4
116	89	Dairy Farm Intl	115	...	...	2.9	18.3
73	51½	Dewhirst (IJ)	73	...	1.0	1.7	23.4
281	194½	Dixons Grp	217	-2	6.0	3.5	25.5
413	320	Dunhill	384	...	8.1	2.7	...
21	12½	ERA Gp	16	...	...	...	...
530	400	Elys (Wimbldn)	510	...	16.0	4.0	17.1
119	71	Essex Furn	118	+3	...	2.9	20.0
250	203	Etam	250	...	6.9	3.4	22.9
575	499	Fine Art Dev	574	...	12.7	2.8	18.8
50	26	Fired Earth Tiles	38	...	...	...	...
500	498	Formlnster	498	...	12.5	3.1	10.4
88	24	French Conn	87	...	...	...	...
48	21	Gabbicci	45	...	2.0	...	9.0
66	43	Gent SR	56	-2	2.0	4.5	16.4
59	23	Goldsmiths Gp	58	+2	0.3	0.6	...
3100	2400	GUS	3100	...	40.0	1.6	24.7
1784	1563	-do- 'A'	1778	+11	40.0	2.8	14.2
40	31	Hampden Grp	31	...	...	4.8	15.4
277	30	Harstone	36	-3	2.8	9.7	...
25	20	Helene Plc	23	...	2.0	10.9	10.9
60	29	Heritage	55	...	...	...	...
63	35	Honeysuckle	56	...	...	2.2	7.9
93	43	Jacques Vert	82	...	2.0	...	...
619	496	Kingfisher	604	-1	...	2.8	19.8
74	62½	Leslie Wise Gp	66	...	4.0	7.6	13.6
685	495	Liberty	638	...	7.2	1.4	75.1
320	265	Lloyds Chem	288	-2	5.5	2.4	11.3
152	120	MFI	132	...	...	3.6	17.6
365	311	Marks Spencer	347	+2	...	2.9	19.1
505	445	Menzies (John)	499	+3	10.0	2.5	16.6
303	135	Moss Bros	203	+3	5.5	3.4	...
178½	139½	Next	173½	+2	2.5	1.8	20.7
40	15	Oliver (G)	34	...	...	...	...
270	197	Oriflame Intl	268	...	...	4.6	...
63	45	Pentos	50	+1	1.5	3.8	10.4
313	255	QS Hldgs	299	+1	5.1	2.2	21.3
41½	11	Ratners Group	35½	+3	...	...	...
35	30½	Rhino Grp	30½	...	...	...	...
181	137	Sherwood Gp	157	-1	...	2.1	14.1
108	93	Sears	99	...	...	4.4	...
498	400	Smith WH 'A'	432½	+3½	13.4	3.9	15.2
15	4½	Specialeyes	12	...	...	...	...
219	176	Storehouse	212	...	...	3.0	27.0
191	148	T & S Stores	164	...	5.9	4.5	12.2
133	71	Tie Rack	127	...	1.0	1.0	20.8
320	160	Time Products	217	...	7.5	4.3	18.7
100	63	Usher (Frank)	97	...	...	6.4	7.7
45	27	Viyal	35	...	1.0	3.6	10.8
40	34	Wensum	34	...	...	6.7	...
120	78	Wickes	118	+2	...	...	52.3
78	45	Wld of Leather	78	...	...	...	...
198	146	Wyevale	171	-3	...	2.9	...
4	2½	Xtra-vision	3½	-½	...	...	...

ELECTRICALS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
182	143	ACT Group	172	+1½	...	3.9	...
240	223	Acale	233	...	...	3.4	...
102½	38	Acorn Comp	93	...	...	...	47.1
480	385	Admiral	442	...	5.4	1.5	18.7
133	104	Alba	133	+1	4.8	4.7	...
48	19½	Alphameric	45	...	...	...	...
38½	22	Amstrad	33½	...	0.4	...	...
128	73	App Holo	76	...	...	...	...
34	13	Arlen	24	+1	...	...	...
65	39½	Astec	65	...	...	...	1.0
293	230	Beales Hunter	285	...	9.2	4.4	14.0
9	3½	Bernett & Fount	5½	...	...	...	...
403½	310	BICC	387	-1	19.2	6.2	26.2
575	450	BICS	455	...	9.2	2.5	17.7
1700	1150	Borland	1550	-50	...	...	...
339	274	Bowthorpe	338	...	6.3	2.4	22.1
445½	376	BT	428½	+5½	...	4.7	19.8
11	5½	Bulgin (AF) 'A'	9	...	0.1	1.3	...
160	110	Burnfield	152	-2	5.7	4.7	24.0
780	669	Cable Wireless	775	+9	...	2.4	26.6
21½	11½	Chloride	17	...	...	...	...
258	229	CML Micro	254	...	...	2.3	...
115	74	Comptr People	115	...	0.6	0.7	...
158	108½	Cray Elect	155	...	...	0.4	12.7
378	243	Critchley	367	+1	...	2.1	...
119	86	Dale	101	-1	5.1	6.3	9.8
548	414	Delta	518	...	...	3.4	21.3
340	205	Denmans Ele	338	...	...	2.3	14.3
620	439	Domino	439	-21	7.2	2.1	14.9
65	48	Dowding Mills	59	...	2.5	5.3	19.4
1040	865	Druck	990	...	...	1.2	24.1
411	358	Electrocomps	410	+3	...	2.4	16.5
580	470	El Data Prc	580	...	5.1	1.1	15.8
91	43	Electron House	91	+5	2.3	3.2	27.7
30½	10½	Emess	28	-1	0.1	0.5	...
598	442	Eurotherm	586	-1	8.0	1.7	26.7
147	108	FKI	143	-1	3.0	2.6	...
426	340	Farnell Elect	422	...	...	1.8	22.3
65	33	Feedback	65	...	...	3.0	...
18	9½	Ferranti	10½	-1½	...	...	...
203	101	First Tech	203	...	...	...	...
270	81	Forward Gp	265	...	...	1.6	24.0
21	16	Forward Tech	16	...	...	...	...
343	284	GEC	339½	+1	...	3.9	16.9
182	132	Graseby	167	...	...	8.2	35.1
11½	7½	Graystone	8½	...	...	...	...
39	36	Hilclare	36	...	...	1.7	11.7
169	83	INSTEM	148	...	...	2.6	10.6
388	320	Jones Stroud	378	...	8.0	2.6	16.5
19	8	Kembrey	18½	...	0.1	1.1	...
323	260	Kenwood App	310	...	5.8	2.4	...
198	47	Kewill Syst	198	+2	...	...	...
207	100	Kode	204	...	5.5	3.4	34.2
60	16	Laser-Scan	45	...	...	...	...
365	122	LBMS	274	+9	...	0.3	...
300	240	Lec Refrig	273	...	9.0	4.1	...
170	135	Life Sciences	146	-1	1.5	3.0	15.8
269	164	Logica	258	-3	3.6	1.8	30.4
54	44	LPA Ind	46	...	...	9.9	12.5
212	172	MR Data Mngmt	172	-1	4.3	3.1	16.4
683	523	Macro 4	665	...	...	2.4	22.3
630	527	Memrier-Swa	585	...	...	1.9	19.2
3013	1988	Micro Focus	2073	-32	...	...	19.1
227	184	Microgen	185	...	7.2	4.9	12.6
34½	23½	Microvitec	27	...	...	...	...
514	357	Misys	498	...	...	6.1	1.5
297	98	Mitel	273	+48	...	...	...
138	108	MMT Comp	120	...	...	3.6	15.2
28	16	Molynx	23	-½	1.3	7.1	...
272	202	MTL Inst	215	...	...	2.1	16.2
165	122	Mulkhone Elect	130	+2	3.0	2.9	15.9
189	116	Murray Enter	169	+1	1.8	1.4	79.5
6412½	5225	NYNEX	5900	-50	...	...	...
188	140	Neotronics	141	-2	2.6	2.3	18.1
65	42	Newmark (L)	61	...	...	...	...
127	58	Norbain	127	-1	...	1.0	19.0
75	20	Northamber	61	...	0.5	1.0	...
15½	9	Oceonics	12½	...	...	...	8.1
265	195	Oxford Inst	252½	...	4.5	2.3	...
83	49	P-E Intern'l	71	...	1.0	1.8	...
77	29	P & P	77	...	1.4	2.3	40.9
80	55	Peek	68	...	3.4	6.2	17.8
190	115	Pegasus	174	...	...	4.6	44.7
9000	9000	Philips Fn 4%	9000	...	...	6.4	...
1050	775	-do- Lmp nv	1050	+12½	...	...	...
254	211	Phonelink	226	-2	...	...	...
462	343	Pilco	462	...	7.7	2.1	39.2
442	303	-do- 'A' Voting	442	...	7.7	2.2	37.4
96	63	Plasmec	70	...	...	6.7	5.9
104	76	Pressac	102	...	2.4	2.9	20.6
135	103	Psion	109	-1	...	2.9	28.9
229	160	Racal Elect	220	-1	...	2.4	17.3
60	45	Radamec	58	...	...	3.2	12.4
70	43	Radius	57	-1	...	5.9	19.7
92	61	Real Time	76	-2	...	5.4	6.4
35	18	Riva	35	...	...	...	41.9
639	488	Sage Gp	505	...	9.0	2.2	16.2
342	222	Sanderson Elec	305	...	9.0	3.7	13.0
66	49	Scantronic	64	...	2.9	5.8	20.2
155	117	Scholes Grp	155	...	5.0	4.0	30.5
330	270	Sema Gp	328	...	2.8	1.1	25.0
39	26	Silvermines	31	...	...	9.3	...
50	37	Soundtracks	47	...	...	6.0	15.5
2512½	1737½	TDK	2337½	-37½	...	1.3	...
27	4½	TDS Circuits	10½	...	...	...	...
155	80	Telemetrix	134	-2	0.8	0.7	...
922	809	THORN EMI	907	-3	...	4.5	18.4
111	96	Thorpe FW	103	...	2.5	3.0	10.6
103	70	Total Systems	72	-5	3.0	5.3	...
445	372	Tunstall	435	...	6.0	1.7	17.4
256	164	Unitech	238	...	5.8	3.1	41.6
35	24	Vistec	32	-½	...	1.5	...
471	367	Vodafone	451	...	...	1.9	20.4
441	368	Volex	430	...	17.8	5.3	...
25	11	Western Selectn	25	...	...	...	...
255	225	Wholesale Ftgs	253	...	11.7	5.8	24.1

ELECTRICITY

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
487	389	East Midlands	453	+3½	...	5.5	7.6
496	390	Eastern Elect	472	...	...	5.2	9.1
356	304	Hydro-Elect	356	-5	...	4.3	11.9
500½	404	London Elect	468	-2	16.8	4.6	5.8
549	458	Manweb	530	+1	...	5.1	7.4
514	421½	Midlands Elec	482	+1	17.2	4.5	10.1
549	440	Northern Elec	519	...	...	5.3	7.3
544	430	Norweb	494	-1	...	5.2	7.4
337	295	Scottish Power	317	-3	...	4.5	11.5
529	436	Seeboard	520	...	...	4.9	8.2
571	446	Sth Wales	535	-1	...	5.4	8.7
532	426	Sth Western	485	-1	...	5.3	7.5
496	406	Southern Elec	472	+½	16.8	4.4	9.3
552	455	Yorkshire Elec	515	+3	...	5.1	9.3
370	273	National Powr	368	-1	...	3.6	11.2
395	273	PowerGen	387	...	...	3.4	10.6

FINANCE, LAND

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
60½	50	Aitken Hume	50	...	0.5	...	31.9
97	47	BWD	96	...	...	4.2	15.0

FINANCIAL TRUSTS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
90	26	Baltic Plc	80	...	...	1.4	...
488	413	Caledonia	458	-4	15.0	3.9	...
1500	1075	Camellia	1425	...	12.0	1.1	...
280	243	Candover	280	...	10.2	4.6	19.8
107	71	Flemach	107	+2	...	0.6	...
303	155	Govett	274	...	...	5.5	9.6
153	125	Ivory Sime	152	...	...	5.5	13.8
6½	3	LIT	5½	...	...	...	...
12	11	Lightship	12	...	...	...	0.6
215	154	Lon Forfaitng	214	...	8.4	5.0	15.2
61	47	Manakin	61	...	...	...	...
12½	3½	Nat Home Loan	4	...	...	...	...
50	40	Newmarket	50	...	...	...	...
276	246	Rathbone Br	275	...	6.0	2.7	16.7
29½	17	Ruland Tst	22	...	...	4.5	13.1
330	253	S & U	292	...	13.0	4.3	...
70	48	Singer & Fried	69½	...	2.6	5.0	...
975	738	Sotheby's	850	...	...	4.4	...
123	83	SIP Capital	122	...	3.0	3.1	...
2162½	1487½	Amer Express	2087½	...	...	5.9	20.6
973	835	Henderson Ad	895	...	...	3.8	...
138	92	Invesco MIM	137	+1	3.0	2.7	...
230	164	Jardine Strat	215	-6	...	2.4	10.6
208	154	MAI	208	+1	6.0	3.6	15.1
528	389	MAM	524	...	15.0	3.6	12.1
799	633	M & G	784	-1	...	3.4	20.9
285	115	Smith New Ctr	279	-3	...	2.1	3.3
81	55	Trio Hldgs	72	...	...	5.3	...

FOODS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
515	461	AB Food	484	+1	14.0	3.7	10.9
77½	53	ASDA Group	74	+½	...	2.7	23.9
255	170	Acatos & Hutch	237	-1	6.5	3.4	13.7
76	55	Albert Fisher	66	+1	3.7	7.1	11.0
407	297	Argyll	327	+2	...	4.2	12.1
25	12	Ashley Group	14	-½	...	3.0	...
147	117	Assoc Fisheries	117	...	8.0	9.5	...
210	160	Banks (S C)	208	...	8.2	5.0	10.4
402	310	Barr (AG)	376	...	6.5	2.2	19.0
85	57	Bensons Crsps	75	...	...	4.8	16.9
141	112½	Berisford Intl	132	...	...	...	...
455	357	Booker	387	+1	...	7.0	39.8
52	35	Borthwick	49½	...	...	3.0	61.5
505	430	Brake Bros	490	+3	8.2	1.6	20.4
51	38	Budgen	43	-1	...	...	14.6
511	413	Cadbury-Schw	464	+3	...	3.6	17.2
107	78	Carrs Milling	106	...	3.9	4.6	21.2
201	178	Cranswick	181	...	...	5.7	...
22	9½	Cullens	18½	...	0.5	3.5	...
384	168	Dalepak	207	...	6.0	3.6	9.3
491	424	Dalgety	469	...	19.5	5.2	13.7
54	27	Daniels S	54	...	...	0.6	...
134	117	Everest	117	-11	...	3.1	16.2
295	269	Farepak	280	...	...	2.2	20.6
10	3	Farringford	7	...	...	...	...
94	64	Finlay (James)	70	...	...	7.4	23.2
125	78	Fyffes	105	-5	...	1.5	17.4
483	328	Geest	394	+10	8.1	2.6	17.7
12	7	Global	10	...	...	6.3	15.6
45	43	Grand Central	45	...	1.2	3.7	...
203	147	Hazlewood Fds	189	...	...	4.3	10.7
171	131	Hillsdown	137	-1	...	8.0	10.8
250	205½	Iceland Group	230	...	...	1.8	20.5
131	111	JLI Group	114	...	4.6	5.2	...
853	710	Kwik Save	739	-4	16.0	2.7	14.2
262	185	Low (Wm)	186	...	8.4	5.6	9.0
58	41	Matthews (B)	58	...	2.2	4.8	38.0
19½	12½	Merchant Retail	18½	...	1.1	7.7	36.3
174	145	Morrison (W)	145	-3	...	0.7	18.9
568	443	Nichols (JN)	550	...	13.6	3.1	15.9
290	242	Nthn Foods	275	-1	...	3.8	13.7
22	13	Nrthmbrn Fns	14	...	...	...	5.8
229	172	Nurdin Peack	228	+1	6.1	3.4	...
250	205	Park Foods	241	-4	6.0	3.2	...
115	83	Perkins Food	94	...	...	5.9	10.2
96½	47	PizzaExpress	82	...	...	0.8	47.1
9	1½	Regina Hlth	9½	...	...	...	...
504	446	Sainsbury J	488	+1	...	2.6	17.1
66	33	Sentry Farms	61	...	...	3.1	10.9
225	108	Sims Food	108	...	...	8.7	5.8
439	357	Tate & Lyle	376	...	12.0	4.0	11.9
273	208	Tesco	214½	+1½	...	4.1	9.9
211	123	Thorntons	146	...	3.6	3.1	13.6
180	101	Treatts	165	...	...	2.7	18.7
375	300	Unigate	345	+4	...	5.8	11.3
437	340½	Utd Biscuits	392	-2	...	4.9	20.2
25	20	Usborne	20	...	0.4	2.5	12.3
337	248	Watson & Phil	308	...	13.3	5.4	16.1

HOTELS, CATERERS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
16	14	Abrdn Stk Hu	14	...	...	...	...
89	77	City Centre Rest	84	...	1.5	2.3	20.3
227	170	Forte	227	+5	...	4.1	17.8
199	155	Friendly Hotels	195	+1	5.7	3.7	37.2
8	5	Harmony Leis	7	...	...	...	...
110½	87	Jurys Hotel	105½	...	...	5.8	12.4
215	154	Ladbroke	185	+5½	11.1	7.5	15.8
73	59	Mandarin Orntl	65	-1	...	4.8	17.4
50	44	Queens Moat	47½	...	2.8	7.6	6.3
99	83	-do- 7¼% cnpr	85	...	7.5	11.0	...
2½	½	Regal Hotels	1½	...	...	...	...
55	28	Resort Hotels	45	...	3.4	9.6	8.8
24	11½	Ryan Hotels E	17½	...	...	6.3	...
855	700	Savoy Hotel 'A'	850	...	7.0	1.0	...
57	34½	Stakis	52	...	...	1.1	...

INDUSTRIALS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
218	178	AAF Inds	195	-1	...	5.6	11.9
616	478	AAH	500	-3	...	4.4	15.0
172	140	AIM	165	+10	6.5	4.9	10.2
132	88	APV	95½	-1	...	7.1	...
233	81	ASW	205	-1	...	3.7	...
174	124	Adwest	174	...	7.0	5.0	24.7
28	10	Aerospace Eng	24	-1	1.0	...	14.6
518	434	Alesprung	483	+2	9.0	2.3	...
147	113	Alendra W	146	-1	3.8	3.3	40.3
13½	7	Allied Radin	8	...	...	...	...
545	415	Alumasc	545	...	11.0	2.5	16.7
48	17	Alvis	44	...	1.0	2.9	8.9
465	345	Amber Ind	466	+30	18.5	5.1	...
48	18	Amberley Gp	35	...	...	3.7	...
107	90	Anagen	95	...	...	...	...
145	115	Andrews Sykes	115	...	4.4	4.9	...
893	703	Antofagasta	775	...	...	2.6	14.3
50½	37	Armour	44½	...	1.4	4.2	13.1
170	143	Ash & Lacy	156	...	6.4	5.1	16.0
3½	2½	Ass Br Eng	3	...	0.0	2.1	...
541½	434	Avon Rubber	489	-4	...	4.2	19.5
235	168	Assoc Nursg	219	...	...	...	8.4
687½	544½	Atlas Equip	650	...	...	4.2	16.3
61	35	Ayrshire Metal	61	...	...	...	...
172	147	BBA	160	...	...	5.9	13.6
65	28	BLP Group	63	...	...	...	...
27	13	BM Gp	17	-2	5.0	...	0.7
770	650	BOC	684	-5	23.2	4.2	15.0
70	62	BSG	67	+½	...	6.0	23.3
487	353	BSS Group	429	...	...	5.0	25.7
390	318	BTR	377	-1½	...	3.6	21.6
221	180	BWI	190	-3	6.7	4.7	17.3
41½	31	Babcock	37	-½	2.1	7.1	...
7½	4½	Bailey (CH)	6	...	...	...	...
289	241	Baird (Wm)	263	...	8.9	4.2	19.2
1062½	550½	Barlow Rand	675	-12½	...	5.1	3.8
63	48	Baynes (Charles)	61	...	...	2.9	25.0
15	5	Beaufort	7½	...	...	...	...
8½	6½	Beckenham	7	...	...	...	...
34	15	Bedford (Wm)	27	-3	...	...	...
27½	15½	Benson Group	17½	...	0.1	0.7	16.2
707	513	Bespak	517	-1	9.0	2.2	16.1
133	76	Bibby (J)	77	-1	9.7	...	4.5
312	129	Billam (J)	279	-24	5.0	2.2	14.1
41	21½	Bilston Btnsea	35	...	...	...	...
11½	3½	Bimec Ind	5½	...	1.6	...	...
162	126	Birkby	162	...	...	2.9	...
45	32	Black Arrow	43	...	2.1	6.1	10.3
1½	½	Black & Edgtn	1½	...	...	...	...
183	136	Black (Peter)	179	...	2.9	2.1	18.1
290	129	Bluebird Toys	290	-10	...	1.9	18.1
293½	247	Bodycote	278	-2	...	2.8	17.8
563	425	Boots	442	-4	...	3.8	15.4
61	42	Booth Inds	49	...	0.7	1.9	...
517	435½	Bowater	484	...	11.5	2.2	19.1
1682	1203	Bowater Inc	1300	-23	...	...	...
248	199	Boxmore Intl	243	...	...	1.7	16.2
19	12½	Brasway	16	...	0.5	4.5	22.1
268	204	Brammer	251	...	13.0	6.5	22.1
18	12	Bridgend Gp	17	...	0.4	3.0	...
119	84	Bridon	106	...	...	4.7	17.1
73	53	Bridport-Gndry	72	...	4.1	7.1	11.5
40	21	Brierley Inv	39	-1	...	4.1	9.5
308	250	Br Bldg & Eng	250	...	...	1.2	...
59	42	Br Bloodstock	49	...	...	...	...
528	417	Br Polythene	528	+4	...	2.4	18.9
106	54	Br Steel	94½	-2½	...	1.3	...
130	100	Br Syphon	125	...	3.0	3.0	19.0
17	11½	Br Thornton	15	...	...	2.1	...
268	215	Br Vita	216	...	7.1	4.1	13.2
15	6½	Britton Grp	14½	...	0.0	0.3	...
730	535	Broken Hill	625	-5	...	2.3	27.7
109	76	Bromsgrve Ind	103	-1	4.0	4.9	14.2
10½	6½	Brocke Tool	9	...	...	...	...
70	51	Brown & Tawse	64	...	4.2	...	...
118	91	Bullough	119	...	5.5	6.4	20.2
26	13	Business Tech	14	...	...	...	...
28	17	CI Group	23	...	1.0	5.4	22.1
25	15	Campbell & Arm	16	...	2.0	...	...
34	6½	Cannon St	26½	...	...	...	...
243	205	Cape	238	...	7.5	3.5	12.2
228	179	Carclo Eng	228	...	...	5.2	17.5
2888	2138	Carnaud Mtl	2375	...	...	2.7	...
78	68	Cassidy Brs	72	-3	...	4.3	...
198	158	Castings	198	-1	4.3	2.9	...
145	113	Chamberlin Hill	135	...	5.2	5.5	...
707	605	Charter Cons	634	-7	...	4.4	11.5
295	230	Chemring	282	...	...	2.6	17.0
92	57	Chieftain Gp	57	-3	5.1	12.5	12.9
35	17	Chillington	30	...	0.2	1.0	...
204	144	Christies Int	197	-2	...	1.4	...
61	34	Claybithe	58	...	2.5	5.4	...
95	70	Clayton Son	90	...	...	...	...
7	1	Co Designers	1	...	0.2	...	...
400	320	Cohen (A)	320	...	1.8	2.7	...
223	179	Community H	199	...	6.5	4.3	11.8
246	186½	Concentric	218	...	...	2.2	18.4
209	120	Cook (Wm)	205	...	5.0	3.2	...
220	192	Cookson	218	...	...	3.4	22.8
63	39	Copymore	63	...	...	2.6	...
239	147	Crowell Mc 'A'	147	-2	5.7	4.8	12.5
178	116	Cosalt	176	-1	0.7	...	...
224	150	Creighton Nat	196	+3	...	5.6	11.5
48	27	Crestacare	42	...	0.5	1.5	36.7
3995½	2937½	Dana	3575	...	...	...	...
905	314	Danka Bs Sys	995	...	4.5	0.5	...
16	5	Davies (DT)	15	...	...	...	...
303	266	Laird	291	...	...	4.5	14.3
166	105	Lee (Arthur)	161	+1	...	4.6	68.4
153	110	Lilleshall	152	...	4.2	3.5	18.7
153	97	Linread	143	...	...	4.5	12.3
18½	4½	Lincoln Fire	16½	...	...	...	13.6
128	76	Linread	118	...	1.7	4.0	18.2
213	170	Linton Park	203	...	14.0	8.6	...
15½	10½	Lionheart	13	...	0.2	1.9	...
19½	15	Locker (T) A	18	+1	1.0	6.9	...
274	173	Lon Intl	178	+1	9.4	6.9	...
126	70	Lonrho	127½	+½	...	4.2	...
342	269	Low & Bonar	335	...	...	3.4	46.9
343	268	MB-Caradon	283	+3	...	3.8	21.9
164½	126	-do- pf	142	+1½	7.2	6.4	...
30	14½	ML Hldgs	29	...	...	...	...
50	27	MS Intl	43	+2	2.5	7.5	...
50	39	MY Holdings	45	...	...	2.8	13.7
190	168	Macfarlane	189	...	...	2.1	21.4
439	379	McKechnie	433	-4	14.7	4.3	21.5
106	85	McLeod Russel	95	...	6.0	8.8	10.4
10½	5½	Maddox	9½	...	...	...	...
85	63	Magnolia	85	+1	0.1	0.1	13.7
106	71	Mang Bronze	94	...	1.0	1.3	...
27	21	Marling	22	...	0.3	...	...
179	124	Mayborn	166	-2	...	3.8	13.8
54	29	Mayflower	51	...	...	3.1	...
236	191½	Medeva	223	+6	...	1.3	18.1
113	88	Meggitt	106	...	...	4.4	18.4
118	99	Metalrax	110	...	...	4.1	17.8
75	70	Meseco	76	...	...	...	...
82	39	Midstates	82	...	...	1.1	11.4
25	14	Mining & Ald	21½	...	0.5	2.9	...
453	368	Molins	467	...	...	3.7	12.1
345	262	Morgan Crble	290	+3	...	5.4	15.5
145	134	Morris Ashby	138	...	...	4.3	12.0
37	19	Neepsend	24	...	0.7	4.0	...
60	34	Nestor-BNA	53	...	3.1	7.4	12.7
166	122	Nobo Gp	169	...	3.5	2.6	20.7
157	122	Norcros	147	-1	...	6.0	21.5
45	35	Novo Group	45	...	1.3	3.7	...
413	310	Nu-Swift	358	...	...	7.0	9.9
17	36	Office Elec Mac	91	...	0.1	0.2	...
39½	21	OMI Intl	26	+1½	1.7	8.7	...
140	123	PCT	124	...	...	7.3	14.1
48	38	Paper Systems	39	...	...	9.4	...
138	105	Pentland	107	...	...	2.9	14.5
345	310	Photo-Me	379	...	4.4	1.5	19.3
137	97½	Pilkington	127½	+5½	...	3.9	...
32	19	Platon	28	...	...	...	...
72	66	Plantsbrook	68	...	1.0	3.5	10.7
154	126	Polypipe	138	...	1.9	1.8	19.9
32	19	Porter Chadbrn	29	...	1.2	3.5	...

INSURANCE

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1993½	1543½	Alex & Alex	1793½	-18½	...	3.5	...
2275	1787½	Am Gen	2087½	-8½	...	3.3	...
47	30	Archer (AJ)	40	...	4.4	...	19.2
148	118	Bradstock	141	...	5.1	4.6	17.2
498	399½	Britannic	487	...	...	2.9	...
641	556	Com Union	615	+14	...	4.9	...
1570	1225	Dom & Gen	1570	...	...	1.4	25.9
28	18	FAI	28	...	...	...	...
624	546	Gen Accident	623	+19	26.7	5.4	...
197	160	GRE	194	+3	7.0	4.5	16.1
370	293	Heath C E	348	+8	16.0	5.7	...
227	168	Hogg Gp	227	+3	8.1	4.5	20.6
218	164	JIB Group	218	+1	7.5	4.3	22.1
493	408½	Legal & Gen	482	+9	...	5.0	29.3
1026	768	Liberty Life	954	-2	...	3.1	16.2
465	403	Lloyds Abbey	432	+4	17.3	5.0	15.5
314	253	Lloyd Thomp	314	+12	5.6	2.2	23.1
365	274	Londn & Man	338	+5	14.2	5.3	24.9
383	321	Lowndes Lmb	380	+6	13.5	4.4	...
6743½	5600	Marsh McLn	5837½	+43½	...	2.9	...
97	76	Orion	81	...	...	7.7	...
68	50½	PWS	62	-1	4.0	8.1	9.0
343	282½	Prudential	343	+2½	...	4.3	22.8
1138	800	Refuge	1045	...	31.5	3.8	28.9
319	248	Royal	315	+5	...	2.6	...
300	153	Sedgwick	200	+1	6.0	3.8	34.1
261	205	Steel Burrill	247	...	...	6.7	14.6
87	48	Sturge Hldgs	63	...	8.2	...	6.3
363	307	Sun Alliance	357	+6	14.2	5.0	...
61	50	Trade Indemnty	57	...	...	...	...
298	239	Transatlantic	273	...	12.0	5.5	25.3
773	499	Utd Friendly	713	...	14.5	2.5	31.1
232	171	Willis Corroon	230	+6	...	3.6	49.4
20	13½	Windsor	18	...	...	...	14.1

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1708	1548	Alliance	1688	-5	45.0	3.3	36.9
260	226½	Amer Trust	238	-1	4.9	2.6	49.4
363	304	Ang & O'seas	351	-1	6.5	2.4	44.6
139	124	B2W Conv	139	...	7.8	7.1	16.1
163	137½	Bankers	160½	-1	3.4	2.7	43.9
298	264	Baring Tribne	288	...	6.4	2.8	45.5
173	131	Berry Starq	173	+3	2.2	1.6	56.2
106½	96½	Br Assets	101½	...	...	5.3	24.8
73½	57½	Br Empire Sec	73	...	0.8	1.5	74.1
25	14	-do- Wnts	23	...	...	...	...
173	156	Br Inv	168	...	4.5	3.3	...
164	130	Contl Asset	159	-1	2.4	1.9	52.9
195	144	Derby Inc	152	...	16.6	13.7	9.1
260	195	-do- Cap	258	...	...	...	...
73	62	Drayton Blue	65	-1	8.4	16.2	7.2
71	35	-do- Eng Intl	69	...	1.2	2.2	...
120	84	-do- Far East	117½	+½	0.6	0.7	...
120	95	-do- Korea	120	...	0.5	0.5	...
631	570	Dunedin Inc G	582	+2	25.4	5.5	26.8
611	513	-do- Wrde	598	-1	9.5	2.0	61.6
270	222	Dundee & Lon	267	...	...	4.3	24.4
51	43	EFM Inc Tst	43	-1	4.8	14.2	...
54	51½	-do- Div Pf	53	...	...	...	...
274	250½	Edinburgh	272	-½	8.4	3.9	29.8
252	183	Electra Inv	251	...	6.7	3.4	33.8
170	141	Electric Gen	168	...	3.1	2.3	...
98	85	English Scot	98	...	...	...	...
253	205	European Asset	247	-1	...	3.0	30.1
104	77	Finsbury 'A'	104	...	3.0	3.6	33.5
290	248	Fleming Amer	269	...	0.7	0.3	...
306	190½	-do- Claver	301	-1	...	1.3	39.6
266	212	Do Contl	268	+1	2.7	1.3	...
185	147	-do- Emrg	183½	-½	4.5	3.1	41.2
301	213	-do- F East	297	-2	1.1	0.5	...
306	246	-do- Fledg	300	...	3.0	1.3	...
118	96	-do- Hi Inc	96½	-1	...	5.7	16.5
231	136	-do- Japan	227	...	0.3	0.2	...
271	230	-do- Merc	265	...	6.7	3.2	56.7
254	212	-do- O'seas	253	...	4.0	2.0	60.4
233	203	Foreign & Col	231	-1	3.3	1.8	62.9
220	164	-do- Emrgt	191	...	1.2	0.8	...
107	87	-do- German	91	...	0.5	0.6	...
279	191	-do- Pacific	274	...	1.9	0.9	...
150	116	-do- Smaller	149½	...	1.8	1.5	...
233	145	GT Japan	227	+1	...	0.6	...
139	65	Genl Cons Cap	138	-1	...	...	...
120½	96½	-do- Inc	111	...	...	9.5	11.5
145	115	Govett Am Smlr	128	-1	...	...	...
291	184	-do- Oriental	283	-1	0.9	0.4	...
259	207	-do- Strategy	258	-1	...	3.3	35.8
373	340	Greenfriar	369	...	6.3	2.2	55.4
19	5	Gresham House	19	...	...	...	...
53	47	Independent Inv	51	...	0.5	1.2	...
134	124	Inv Cap	130	...	5.1	4.9	26.1
94	77	Inv UK Smllr	93	-1	2.6	3.8	25.9
183	156½	Kleinwort Chrt	173	-1	3.0	3.6	33.7
208	176	-do- O'seas	206	-1	3.3	2.0	98.5
127	108	-do- Smlr	127	...	4.0	3.9	30.8
603	540	Law Debenture	598	...	18.2	3.8	28.9
175	104	Majedie	175	...	...	3.4	33.9
249	221	Merchants	240	...	10.6	5.5	22.9
5093½	3900	Merrill Lynch	5325	-68½	...	...	...
440	383	Monks Inv Tst	434	+1	6.7	2.0	...
126	105	Mocr Grtn Inc	122	...	...	4.7	24.2
37	23	Do Warrants	35	+1	...	...	...
47	39	Murray Euro	45	...	0.1	0.4	...
11	4½	Do Wts	9½	...	...	...	...
315	282	Murray Income	307	...	...	4.4	29.2
319	266	-do- Intl	298	-1	11.4	4.8	26.0
324	263	-do- Small	322	...	4.0	1.6	68.4
103	96½	-do- S/C Inc	97	...	...	13.7	9.5
101	73	-do- S/C Cap	101	...	...	...	...
3050	2750	-do- S/C Uts	2950	...	...	4.5	...
147½	142½	-do- S/C DP	144	+½	...	...	...
270	230	-do- Vent	269	...	...	4.8	21.2
77	56½	New Frontier	77	...	0.2	0.4	...
85	66	Nethrop Inc	78	...	6.7	10.8	...
301	240	O'seas Inv Tst	296	...	2.8	1.2	...
388	285	Pacific Assets	374	-2	1.1	0.4	...
291	187	Do Warrants	277	-1	...	...	...
8200	7650	Personal Assets	8150	...	...	2.5	48.7
144	100	RIT Cap Ptnr	142	...	1.1	1.0	...
123	108	River & Merc	113	...	9.2	10.2	11.3
398	350	Robeco	385	...	...	3.4	...
390	346	Rolinco	383	...	...	2.1	...
245	214	St Andrew Inv	245	+2	7.5	3.9	32.9
149½	131	Scot American	145½	+½	4.3	3.7	30.8
209	136	Scott Asian	204	-1	...	...	...
418	225	do Warrants	418	...	...	...	...
73	67½	-do- Eastern	71½	...	1.5	2.7	47.0
304	183	Scottish	303	...	4.6	2.8	42.1
201	178	-do- Mtge	193	-½	4.0	2.6	50.1
83½	71	-do- Value	83½	...	...	2.7	59.5
1505	1390	Second Allnce	1499	-2	36.5	3.0	40.3
84½	74½	Secs Tst of Scot	83	-½	3.2	4.9	27.4
132	109½	Selective Asset	132	...	1.2	1.1	47.5
24	14	Sphere Inv	24	...	3.1	16.7	7.5
145	112	TR Far East	142	-2	4.5	4.0	31.2
140½	126	TR City Of Lon	139½	+2	4.7	4.3	29.1
154	110	TR Pacific	149½	-3	0.5	0.3	...
26½	17	TR Property	26½	+½	0.9	4.2	...
69	47	TR Tech Inv	67	+1	1.7	3.3	33.2
180	146	TR Tstle Cos	179	...	3.7	2.6	52.4
315	285	Temple Bar	307½	-½	13.2	5.4	23.2
91	69	Thmtn Asian 2	89	...	0.5	0.7	...
70½	54	Throgmorton	70½	...	2.3	4.1	28.8
450	363	Throg Dual Cp	458	+3	...	...	...
201	178	USDC Invest	201	...	4.5	2.8	37.0
102	76½	Value Inc Tst	102	+1	3.6	4.4	25.7
608	542	Witan	597	+1	16.5	3.5	36.0
199	181	Witan	186½	-½	5.6	3.6	34.4



[Industrials continued]

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
711	642	De La Rue	677	-1	...	3.1	18.0
25	16	Dinkie Heel	22	...	0.9	5.4	17.5
513	391	Diploma	509	-1	9.7	2.4	20.5
77	50	Dobson Park	74	...	5.7	...	13.3
99	92	Dyson (J&J)	99	...	5.0	6.3	14.2
66	57	-do- 'A'	66	...	5.0	9.5	9.5
16½	8	EFG	13	...	...	...	...
421	367	EIS	395	...	...	3.9	15.6
15½	9½	EIT Gp	9½	...	...	...	...
29	19	Eldef	23	...	...	...	...
43	19	Eleco	30	...	3.3	...	11.8
2390	1787½	Electrolux 'B'	1862½	+34½	...	1.0	...
66	45	Elliott (B)	59	...	...	...	...
494	402	Eng China Cl	428	...	...	6.0	23.0
2950	1550	Ericsson 'B'	2937½	+12½	...	1.0	...
91	27	Erskine Hse	91	...	...	3.2	9.2
53	32	Eurocopy	46	...	1.6	...	17.7
87	47	Expamet	83	-1	3.2	4.9	...
668	490	Fairey Group	667	...	10.2	1.9	20.6
95	53	Fenner	72	-1	4.2	...	13.6
66	32	Ferraris Group	60	...	...	2.1	14.1
1½	½	Ferromet	1	...	...	...	...
29	23	Ferrum	26	...	...	2.5	12.0
51	28	Fife Indmar	49	-1	0.5	1.3	...
251	147	Fisons	181	+2	...	6.0	21.0
53	29	Fitzwilton	41	...	...	12.3	...
255	215	Flogas	240	...	...	4.2	9.9
43	30	Folkes Group nv	39	...	1.5	4.8	...
76	56	French (Thomas)	73	-1	3.6	6.2	36.6
218	166½	Frost Group	207	...	4.0	2.4	8.7
95	71	GEI Int	77	...	4.9	8.3	...
489	434	GKN	450	-2	...	5.3	30.0
51	42	GR Hldgs	46	...	...	5.4	...
98	79	Garton Eng	93	...	4.0	5.4	...
160	103	Gestetner	116	+1	8.2	9.0	5.0
36	23	Glevess	28	...	...	...	18.8
801	545	Glaxo	563	...	17.0	3.8	15.5
28½	16	Glenchewton	27½	...	...	...	...
311	245	Glynwed	300	-1	11.6	4.9	28.3
100	66	Goode Durrant	96	...	5.4	7.0	20.3
134	102	Grampian Hd	127	...	5.5	5.4	22.1
427	341	Granada	418	+1	7.7	2.3	22.1
407	301	Great Ptrtld	396	-1	...	3.5	16.3
96	78	Green (Ernst)	96	...	...	9.1	13.3
15½	8½	Greenacre	14½	...	...	2.4	14.3
17	8	Guardian Grp	11	...	...	...	...
57	30½	Haden Macln	57	...	...	...	4.4	20.6
83	44	Hadleigh Inds	75	...	...	...	...
235	115	Hall Eng	231	...	8.6	4.7	19.3
258	215	Halma	255	-1	2.6	1.3	...
51	28	Hampson Ind	41	...	2.1	...	11.1
265½	222	Hanson	226½	+4	...	6.3	11.5
221	187	Harris (Philip)	220	...	6.8	4.0	...
187½	147	Harrisn Crsfld	179	+3	9.0	6.3	25.8
68	58	Havelock Euro	68	...	...	...	...
51	30	Hay (Norman)	36	...	...	...	...
28	17	Headway	27	...	0.7	3.2	14.2
394	301	Hepworth	365	-5	14.8	5.1	15.7
228	160	Hewitt (J)	214	...	3.0	1.8	16.7
38	15	High-Point	33	...	1.3	...	...
152	112½	Hill & Smith	152	+3	...	4.6	21.2
10½	6½	Hobson	10	+½	...	...	...
127	87	Holders Tech	127	...	...	5.9	16.6
49	30	Hopkinsons	45	...	1.3	3.6	18.6
167	133	Hornby	133	...	...	8.5	12.6
13½	6	Hospital Crp	7½	...	...	13.3	2.0
82	54½	Howden	78	...	...	3.4	12.0
231½	173	Hunting	230	+1	...	3.4	19.4
430	269½	Hunsigh Tech	428	...	...	1.8	...
295	247	IMI	277	-2	...	4.5	23.7
109	90	ISA Intl	109	...	1.5	1.7	16.9
205	178	Intercare Gp	178	-3	...	1.8	18.7
255	235	Isotron	248	...	3.9	2.0	15.9
528	360	Jardine Math	505	-9	...	2.3	19.5
537	427	Johnson Matth	428	-3	...	3.0	17.6
64	51	Johnson & FB	52½	...	3.0	7.1	16.2
177	104	Johnston	162	...	3.2	2.5	...
32	19	Jones Shipman	30	-1	...	...	...
32	18	Jourdan (T)	29	...	0.7	3.2	...
64	26	Kalamazoo	63½	+½	2.1	4.3	...
178	73	Kalon	160	...	...	2.5	22.2
297	253	Kelsey Ind	263	...	13.0	...	...
545	466	Kershaw (A)	515	...	27.0	6.6	26.7
168	75	Kleeneze	160	...	...	...	...
143	61	LGW	142	...	3.0	2.6	11.8
111	77	Senior Eng	107½	-½	...	3.7	17.9
361	306	Seton Health	323	...	...	2.2	19.1
68	42	Sheldon Jones	63	...	...	...	...
133	88	Shiloh	130	...	2.9	2.8	14.0
361	295	Sidlaw	345	...	10.0	3.6	16.0
501	427	Siebe	490	...	...	2.6	17.8
321	220	Silentnight	321	...	...	3.1	18.9
124	108	Sime Darby	110	...	...	3.8	13.5
142	32	Simon Eng	35	...	5.0	17.9	8.0
259	194	Sinclair (Wm)	196	...	7.0	4.5	12.6
47	37	Six Hundred	37	...	2.0	5.9	...
164	140½	Smith & Neph	144½	+1	...	4.0	19.4
513	389	Smithkline	441	+4	8.6	2.4	15.9
450	340	Smthkline Uts	391	+7	...	3.4	16.1
394	320	Smiths Ind	362	-1	11.2	3.9	14.8
140	66	Sthn Bus	70	...	3.3	6.1	6.5
410	265	Spandex	403	...	...	2.0	17.9
660	300	Spear (JW)	510	...	4.0	1.5	9.4
362	314	Spirax-Sarco	339	...	...	3.4	21.5
145	46	Spring Ram	50	-2	...	0.9	13.2
220	222	Staveley	232	...	8.5	4.6	...
162	126	Sterling Ind	162	+7	...	4.4	24.2
26	11	Stonehill	24	-1	...	...	...
156	97	Suter	156	...	8.8	7.1	16.3
360	244	Swire Pacfc 'A'	341	-5	...	2.6	...
7	5	Sycamore	5½	...	...	...	...
78	53	Sykes-Pick	63	...	...	7.9	12.1
275	240	Sylione	209	...	9.4	4.5	...
198	164	T & N	180½	+1	...	7.5	28.9
348	279	TI	345	+2	...	3.9	19.1
23	12	TLS Range	16	...	...	2.0	...
300	218	TT Group	295	...	6.0	2.3	17.6
249	220	Takare	236	+7	1.8	1.0	19.6
823	618	Takeda Chem	803	+11	...	0.6	21.3
50	24	Tex Hldgs	47	-1	...	...	...
104	70	Tinsley (E)	104	...	...	6.2	12.1
225	150	Tilon	198	...	...	2.3	17.2
271	221	Tomkins	224½	...	...	3.5	15.8
110½	67	Trafalgar H	106	+2	...	3.8	7.8
110	65½	-do- 'A'	106	+2	...	...	...
579	346	Transfer Tech	534	-11	16.0	3.7	13.5
190	158½	Triplex Lloyd	175	...	7.0	5.0	16.0
253	220	UniChem	229	...	5.6	3.1	15.0
335	279½	Unidare	335	...	...	6.4	10.0
71	11½	Unigroup	69	-1	...	...	...
1249	989	Unilever	1031	-4	21.3	2.6	14.0
8112½	6625	Unilever (NV)	7087½	-25	...	3.1	10.3
810	513	VSEL	795	+5	...	4.6	8.5
9½	6½	Verson	8½	...	...	...	...
154	95½	Vickers	151	...	...	1.2	...
367	243	Victaulic	251	...	...	3.9	12.4
382	283	Vinten	380	...	...	2.3	17.7
604	427	Vosper Thorny	572	...	...	3.5	13.9
45	41	WSP Hldgs	43	...	...	8.4	11.2
468	368	Wagon Ind	376	+2	17.3	5.9	...
86	71	Walker Greenbk	79	-1	3.1	4.9	20.2
258	201	Wassall	246	...	2.5	1.3	24.8
36½	22	Watford Wdgrd	34	-½	...	...	...
337½	291	Weir	327	...	...	2.3	18.4
993	658	Wellcome	668	+5	13.0	2.4	18.5
27½	21½	Wellman	21½	-½	0.9	5.2	...
300	260	West Hitcare	298	...	...	1.6	19.1
508	460	Whatman	508	...	9.5	2.3	17.2
353	267	Whessoe	334	...	...	3.0	13.0
10½	4	Wheway	9½	...	1.0	13.2	...
51	27	Whitecroft	51	+2	...	...	...
8½	4½	Widney	7	...	...	...	...
93	44	Wilkes (James)	89	-1	3.5	4.9	26.0
365	295½	Williams Hldg	332	...	12.5	4.9	16.8
31½	17	Wilshaw	31½	+1	0.5	2.0	...
661	533	Wolseley	632	+7	12.5	2.5	21.9
150	125	Wood (Arthur)	125	...	1.5	1.5	45.5
46	35	Wyko	45	...	2.8	...	25.7
59	38	Young (H)	56	...	3.0	6.7	20.5

LEISURE

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
345	289	Airtours	340	+2	7.2	2.7	12.0
60	42	Ald Leis	60	...	4.7	...	17.2
357	194	Anglia TV	344	-9	...	3.4	15.9
249	192	Barr & W 'A'	228	...	10.0	5.5	14.7
1200	930	Boosey Hwks	1195	...	22.0	2.3	17.9
153	90	Border TV	145	-1	...	2.3	19.0
16½	4½	Brent Walker	7½	-2	...	...	...
8	2½	Buckingham Int	7½	+½	...	...	...
292	110	Campari	113	...	...	13.3	...
197	171	Capital Radio	180	+5	5.2	3.7	20.8
818	718	Carlton Comm	773	+8	17.0	2.8	22.7
200	158	Castle Comm	183	...	...	5.8	16.7
2088	1615	Central TV	2088	+3	38.0	2.3	22.5
83	61	Chrysalis	69	+1	...	...	...
580	470	Compass Gp	509	-1	...	3.2	15.2
350	197	Eurocamp	331	...	9.7	5.3	9.5
1180	710	Euro Disney	785	-13	...	1.6	...
8	3½	Euro Leisure	4½	...	...	...	...
31	18	Ex-Lands	23	...	...	...	...
390	245	Fairline Boats	265	...	10.5	5.0	...
379	320	First Leisure	356	...	6.1	2.2	24.5
515	298	GWR Gp	510	...	...	1.7	26.0
239	149	Grampian	228	-8	6.1	3.3	...
6	4½	Greenwich Comm	5	...	...	...	...
62½	19	HTV Group	57	-2	...	...	25.3
76	30	Hi-Tec Sports	47	-1	...	5.3	...
12½	5½	Kunick	10½	...	...	...	...
467	262	LWT CP	466	...	...	1.3	21.6
475	327	Man Utd	422	...	18.0	5.3	14.5
148	90½	Owners Abrd	102½	+½	3.5	4.3	8.2
66	33	The Pelican Gp	59	...	...	2.1	20.3
130	55	Prism Leisure	123	...	...	2.8	14.0
24	16	Quadrant Grp	17	...	...	...	...
318	281	Radio Clyde	281	...	...	3.8	22.0
175	132	Ransoms (H)	165	...	...	3.4	21.9
545	431	Scot TV	545	+21	9.9	2.3	26.8
60	38	Southern Radio	38	...	0.7	2.6	15.8
219	168	Stanley Leisure	212	...	...	2.5	17.9
10	5½	Sunleigh	9	...	...	...	...
145	118	Sunset & Vine	130	...	3.5	3.6	14.0
420	383	Tanjong	420	...	...	0.6	...
221	150	Thames TV	197	...	3.5	1.6	3.8
2½	1	Ticketing	2½	...	...	...	...
117	84	Tomahan Hot	104	-1	...	...	3.4
78	44	Trans World	65	...	...	1.5	23.7
481	274	Ulster TV	472	-8	10.0	2.6	14.5
22	13½	Wembley	17	...	0.2	1.5	...
36	7½	Wdingate	33	...	...	...	...
201	110	Yorkshire TV	201	+2	12.0	7.5	6.1
113	83	Zetters Gp	112	-1	8.0	8.9	11.3

MINING

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
4725	1800	Am Gold	4725	+175	...	4.4	22.7
1487½	1018½	Ang Am Coal	1450½	-31½	...	6.4	...
2050	1125	Ang Am	2000	+87½	...	3.5	...
34½	8½	Anglo Pac Res	24½	+2	...	...	...
114	33	Blyvoors	107	+1	...	5.2	5.9
41	18	Bracken	39	+4	...	...	2.3
710	233	Buffels	701	+29	...	5.6	17.4
2½	1	Bute	2½	...	...	...	...
684	546	CRA	580	+2	...	3.6	...
43½	11	Cluff Res	35½	+1½	...	...	...
1181½	762½	De Beers	1125	-18½	...	4.3	15.2
138	37½	Deelkraal	132	+7	...	4.6	7.2
87	7	Doornfontein	83	...	...	...	...
867	386	Driefontein	843	+13	...	4.0	15.5
618	120	Durban	617	+20	...	...	...
147	47	E Rand Gold	147	+5	...	7.9	4.1
162	62	E Dagga	157	+11	...	...	13.2
270	54	E Rand Prop	250	+1	...	...	...
488	117	Elandsrand	488	+19	...	2.5	11.4
734	292	FS Cons	734	+25	...	6.9	8.7
45	8	FS Dev	44	...	...	...	...
1500	725	GFSA	1438	+50	...	2.8	22.6
168	125	Gencor	162	+1	...	6.1	12.6
63½	35½	GM Kalgoorli	57½	+1	...	2.6	12.9
22½	5	Greenwich R 'A'	18½	...	...	...	...
147	49	Grootvlei	147	+6	...	7.0	8.7
360	78	Harmony	334	+9	...	...	...
414	87	Hartles	362	+12	...	5.3	...
14	8½	Imcoa	11½	...	...	...	...
1010	491	Impala Plat	868	-38	...	...	19.6
13½	6	Kenmare Res	8½	+½	...	...	...
864	332	Kinross	868	+38	...	5.8	9.5
845	319	Kloof	843	+17	...	2.1	14.2
99	25	Leslie	99	+1	...	4.2	9.9
130	13	Loraine	130	+7	...	...	...
110½	81½	MIM	81½	-1	...	2.8	37.0
1107	820	Minorco	1093	+8	...	3.4	13.0
125½	91	Nth Brkn Hill	120	-1	...	4.1	...
1900	610	Orange Free	1900	+62½	...	6.9	14.5
700	607	RTZ	674	+1	...	3.9	25.3
562½	425	Rand Mines	543½	-6½	...	10.8	2.5
542	150	Randfontein	542	+32	...	3.5	...
192	115	Renison	183	-2	...	2.8	15.8
1200	850	Rusmbrg	1062½	-25	...	4.3	16.6
595	191	St Helena	513	+7	...	4.7	10.5
1677	475	Southvaal	1677	+62	...	3.4	29.0
88	18	Stilfontein	87	+4	...	7.3	15.0
201	58	Unisel	177	+8	...	1.7	17.2
4987½	1800	Vaal Reefs	4975	+75	...	4.5	8.3
500	154	Welkom	488	+11	...	6.9	14.4
234	26	Western Areas	234	+22	...	3.1	...
2000	587½	Western Deep	2000	+96½	...	3.1	9.2
263	176	Wstrn Mining	256	+4	...	...	...
801	323	Winkels	801	+21	...	1.3	6.5
84	56	Zambia Copper	65	-1	...	...	...
68	18	Zandpan	63	...	...	1.1	...

MOTORS, AIRCRAFT

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
243	233	Abbey Panels	243	...	...	...	...
125	95	Airflow Stream	118	...	3.0	3.2	11.4
131	82	Appleyard	129	...	5.2	5.0	...
280	203	Bletchley Mtr	265	-3	...	4.2	13.5
152	120	Bostrom	151	...	6.0	5.0	26.7
429	165	Br Aerospace	396	+3	7.0	2.2	...
328	303	Caffyns	308	...	11.5	4.7	62.3
9½	4½	Caverdale	8½	...	...	...	...
143	98	Central Mtr	140	...	...	3.6	35.6
39	18	Cook (DC)	25	...	...	...	...
248	156	Cowie (T)	248	+7	6.2	3.2	18.9
110	86	Dag Motors	103	...	5.7	7.0	18.6
142	102½	Davnprt Vern	139	...	...	3.6	17.6
264	155	ERF	236	...	2.0	1.1	...
117	92	European Mtr	115	...	3.5	3.9	...
323	208	Evans Halshaw	323	...	11.2	4.4	49.8
290	226	FR Group	220	-1	...	3.3	12.6
3650	2937½	Ford Motor	3425	-25	...	...	...
2968½	2143½	General Mtr	2925	-37½	...	1.7	...
63	38	Gowrings	63	+4	2.0	4.0	...
188	85	Henlys	188	+1	3.0	2.0	...
875	650	Honda Motor	774	-11	...	0.7	...
30	15	Jacks (Wm)	30	...	...	...	...
106	66	Jessups	94	...	4.5	6.0	...
151	97	Kwik-Fit	146	...	...	2.9	26.1
386	281	Lex Service	383	+4	...	3.5	20.9
140	85	Lookers	140	+1	6.2	5.6	...
152	126	Lucas	136	...	7.0	6.4	...
274½	224½	Pendragon	257	...	...	3.3	20.8
193	108	Perry Gp	191	-2	6.0	3.9	...
166	108	Quicks Group	166	...	...	3.4	21.2
153	99	Rolls-Royce	149½	...	...	4.4	...
201	163	Trinity Hldgs	190	-3	...	3.7	...
148	125	Vardy (Reg)	145	...	4.0	3.4	22.4
190	121	Westland	189	...	4.2	2.8	16.7

NEWS, PUBLISHERS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
144	103	Adscene	135	...	4.0	3.7	14.4
333	315	Black (A&C)	333	...	13.5	5.1	...
608	423	Blenheim Gp	425	...	...	2.6	15.8
350	275	Bristol	345	...	11.7	4.3	...
£102	775	Daily Mail	£101½	...	13.0	1.6	22.8
£101½	7700	Daily Mail 'A'	£101½	...	13.0	1.6	22.9
305	251	Dorling Kind	295	...	...	1.3	28.2
373	328	EMAP	365	-1	...	2.7	22.1
1113	873	Euromoney Pb	1063	-7	29.5	3.3	23.9
237	170	Harrington K	217	...	4.5	2.6	17.7
368	233	Haynes Pub	365	...	6.0	2.1	15.7
385	355	Hodder H'line	355	...	5.0	1.6	...
140	105	Home Counts	120	...	6.0	6.3	...
12½	3	Intl Bus Comm	10½	...	...	...	15.2
9	6½	Int Cm & Dkta	7½	...	...	...	...
350	240	Independent	350	...	...	3.6	15.7
548	395	Johnston Press	548	...	6.2	1.4	22.7
288	243	Metal Bulletin	281	...	8.0	3.6	19.8
164	88	Mirror Gp	160	+1	...	...	...
373	297	News Corp	333	-2	...	0.3	22.4
240	169	News Intl	215	...	...	0.6	14.9
483	354	Pearson	475	-6	...	3.2	29.0
675	510	Portsmth Sund	662	-3	9.4	1.8	...
686	618	Reed Int	669	+3	...	3.2	28.1
148	98	Southnews	145	...	...	1.6	26.8
137	90	Sterling Pubs	137	...	...	2.3	45.2
401	328	Telegraph	395	+1	...	3.5	16.6
825	715	Thomson Corp	815	+15	25.4	3.9	...
377	313	Trinity Intl	373	+1	8.7	2.9	22.4
39	34	Unit Group	36	...	...	...	...
593½	480½	Utd Nwspapers	550	-1½	...	4.9	16.3

OILS, GAS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
18½	6½	Aberdeen Petr	17½	...	...	...	...
39½	17	Arao Energy	32½	+½	...	...	31.4
61	40	Arcon Intl	43	...	...	...	...
68½	41½	Aus Oil & Gas	68½	...	...	...	...
70	26	Aviva Pet	70	...	...	...	...
16	9	Beverley	12	...	...	...	...
183	145	Br Borneo	164	+1	7.1	5.4	5.0
320	276	British Gas	298	-½	14.2	6.0	14.4
326	225	Br Petroleum	308½	+4½	10.5	4.3	48.0
1½	1	Bula Resources	1½	...	...	...	...
757	675	Burmah Castrl	716	...	...	4.4	16.7
65	32	Cairn Energy	59	-1	...	...	8.4
266	223	Calor Gp	230	+1	...	6.4	19.6
60½	32½	Clyde Pet	51	+½	...	...	...
35	27	Copley Res	29	+½	...	...	...
22½	11½	Edin Oil & Gas	19	...	...	...	...
521	397	Enterprise	482	-1	16.0	4.1	59.5
68	47	Exp Co Louis	52	+2	...	...	...
34½	18½	Fairhaven Intl	24	-½	...	2.3	9.1
67	45	Goal Pet	62	-½	1.4	2.8	11.9
44	18	Gt Western Res	43	-1	...	...	...
169	108	Hardy O & G	159	-3	...	0.8	...
46	19½	Kelt Energy	43	...	...	...	...
195	141	LASMO	160	...	3.3	2.6	32.4
103	63	-do- Units	79	...	9.4	15.0	...
24	14	Mid Scot Res	14	-3	...	...	71.7
47	34	Monument	44½	-½	...	...	...
9½	6	New London	7	...	...	...	...
33	21	Nth Sea Assets	29	...	1.0	4.3	10.0
35	27	Oil Search	30	-1	...	...	...
14½	11½	Petroz	11½	...	...	...	17.2
125	99	Pict Pet	124	...	...	...	9.6
29½	18	Premier	26	...	...	5.0	...
115	50	Presidio	115	...	...	4.6	...
393	290	Ranger	330	...	...	5.3	14.4
6350	5150	Royal Dtch Pt	6137½	-62½	...	1.8	...
4500	3600	Schlumberger	4212½	-134½	...	...	...
67	47	Seafield	57	...	...	...	...
637½	515	Shell	631	...	21.0	4.3	19.4
203	150	Sunrise Eng Sv	180	-3	...	...	3.9
10½	4½	Teredo	6	...	...	...	5.9
41	21	Triton Europe	26	...	...	...	...
13	6½	Vibers Grp	12½	...	...	2.5	...
172	142	Woodside	142	...	...	...	...

PAPER, PRINT, ADVTG

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
331	249	API	325	-4	7.5	2.9	28.3
195	144	Arjo Wiggins	183	-1	...	4.4	18.0
511	408	Abbott Mead	511	+5	9.3	2.3	26.5
1½	½	Acsis Group	1	...	...	4.9	...
40	13	Aeris Gp	35	...	...	3.2	17.2
212	155	Aspen Comms	190	...	...	...	...
15	7	BBB Design	13	+1	...	4.1	14.7
350	234½	Bemrose	359	+1½	0.2	1.8	11.9
33	12	Birkdale	14	...	4.0	3.8	19.6
138	118	Bunzl	130	...	...	2.0	17.5
287	257	CIA Gp	277	...	...	1.8	21.1
222	93	Capital Inds	221	...	...	8.0	...
56	44	City of Lon	55	...	3.1	1.7	...
226	169	Cropper (James)	226	...	...	...	...
6	6	Crown Comm	6	...	1.6	2.6	...
92	51	Delyn Pckging	81	...	4.5	5.3	26.4
117	94	Dolphin Pack	107	...	...	...	14.2
56	42	Dudley Jenkins	55	...	0.3	3.9	...
15½	12½	Elswick	13	...	...	5.6	20.6
73	41	Fairway Group	70	-2	12.5	5.0	...
323	271	Ferguson Intl	312	...	...	6.7	28.3
105	92	Ferry Pick	105	...	...	1.4	...
124	74	Filofax	115	...	...	...	...
20	14	Flich	14½	+½	...	7.2	17.1
100	69	Gibbon Lyons	87	...	...	3.6	21.1
295	247	Gold Greenless	285	...	0.5	2.4	...
41	20	Goodhead	26	...	...	...	...
88	43	Hunterprint	67	...	...	...	...
185	136	Inkeurope	175	...	7.4	5.3	11.5
264	191	Jarvis Porter	249	+1	4.7	2.4	...
32	15½	Lopex	31	...	...	...	...
291	175	More O'Ferrall	291	...	13.2	5.7	...
102	48	NMC Group	102	+10	2.0	2.5	...
118	66	Osborne & Lirde	113	-1	...	5.1	12.4
517	455	Portals	460	...	...	3.9	15.7
266	167	Quarto	260	...	5.3	2.4	15.2
347	310	St Ives Gp	310	...	5.2	2.1	21.1
185½	142½	Saatchi	172	...	...	...	...
472	333	Sappi	464	+5	...	7.9	...
20	11½	Serif	20	...	...	...	...
32½	14	Shandwick	31½	-½	...	...	...
363	294	Smith David	362	+2	9.5	3.3	16.0
295	225	Smurfit (Jeff)	226	...	...	3.5	14.1
246	183	Sun-Plus	240	...	8.0	4.2	...
25½	16½	Taylor Nelson	25½	...	0.3	1.5	21.3
66	38	VTR	65	...	...	6.5	19.5
90	40	WPP	87	-1	...	1.4	3.3
142	62	Wace	142	...	...	2.0	...
230	203	Waddington (J)	230	...	7.9	4.4	...
721	540	Watmough	721	+1	11.5	2.0	28.3
7	4½	Westport	6½	...	...	...	...
32	12	Whitney Mcks	31	...	...	...	...
87	55	Wood (SW)	76	...	...	2.1	16.3

PROPERTY

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
77	41	Allied Lon	74	...	3.5	6.0	63.9
63	58	Arcadian	63	...	...	...	...
94	54	Asda	89	...	2.1	2.9	9.4
139	88	Avonside	137	...	4.0	3.6	19.2
2637½	2062½	BCE	2250	-37½	...	...	...
602	396	Bilton	581	+1	18.9	4.1	21.0
55	23	Bourne End	55	...	1.0	2.3	...
213	150	Bradford	205	+7	5.4	3.3	...
23	11	Bredero	12	...	...	...	1.1
335	166½	Br Land	330	+2	...	2.7	30.5
208	140½	Brixton	191	+5	...	5.5	15.1
72½	43	Burford	67	-2	...	2.1	...
156	99	Cap & Regnl	152	...	...	0.9	...
185	120	Cardiff Prop	185	...	2.4	1.6	...
375	196	Chesterfield	373	...	11.0	3.7	26.7
33	12	City Site Ests	31	...	1.4	...	...
23	12	Clarke Nickolls	21	...	0.3	...	5.1
39	10	Clayform	35	...	...	...	...
50	34	Conrad Rhlat GS	45	...	...	1.4	...
1128	818	Daejan	1123	...	25.0	2.8	17.5
3½	1½	Dares Estates	2½	-½	...	...	...
98	53	Debenham Tewsn	92	-4	3.0	4.2	...
12	4	De Morgan	8	...	...	...	...
141	76	Dencora	140	...	3.0	2.7	...
498	263	Derwent Hldgs	473	-10	8.6	2.3	58.9
55	25	Dwyer	53	-1	...	...	...
252	170	Estates Agency	250	...	3.0	...	22.9
22	7½	Estates Gen	15½	...	...	...	...
171	132	Evans Of Leeds	168	...	4.1	3.1	16.1
27½	11	Five Oaks	27½	...	...	...	...
56	30	Fletcher King	56	+1	1.0	2.3	...
436	285	Frogmore	397	...	...	4.9	22.4
200	97	Grainger	197	...	5.2	3.4	43.8
205	120	Gr Portland	178	-3	...	7.1	16.3
29½	7½	Greycoat	20½	-½	5.2	...	...
145	101	HK Land	136	-1	...	4.8	...
75	35	Hambro Cntyw	61	...	...	...	...
387½	257½	Hammerson	320	-6	10.0	3.9	32.4
353	245	-do- 'A'	290	-7	10.0	4.3	29.3
223	127	Helical Bar	223	...	...	2.7	...
31	19	Hemingway	29	...	...	...	...
132	57	Herring Baker	72	...	...	3.7	6.5
153	133	Jermyn	138	...	...	...	...
601	435	Land Sec	597	+7	22.8	4.8	18.0
99	73	Lon Merch Sec	95	+1	3.8	5.0	15.1
4½	1½	Lon & Metro	3½	...	...	...	...
462½	315½	MEPC	402	+2	...	6.2	17.3
9	5	McInerney A	9	...	...	...	...
130	90	McKay Secs	122	...	6.7	...	20.0
7½	3	Markheath	7	...	0.5	...	...
49	12	Merivale Mre	45	...	1.0	...	...
5	5	Merlin Intl	5	...	...	...	...
40	29	Moorfield Es	38	...	...	...	...
1150	775	Mountview	1075	...	20.0	2.4	...
146	112	Mucklow (A&J)	144	...	5.9	5.1	20.2
46	30	Olive Hldgs	36	+1	1.5	5.2	...
10½	4	Ossory Est	4½	...	0.1	...	1.3
131	88	PSIT	126	...	3.7	3.7	25.1
211	138	Peel	209	+1	3.0	1.8	...
16	8	Power Corp	10	...	...	...	1.1
41	22	Property Trust	32	...	...	...	...
3	1½	Raglan	3	...	...	...	...
29	11	Regalian	18½	+½	...	...	...
135	110	Rowlinson Secs	135	...	1.5	1.4	...
37	16	St Modwen Prp	32	...	0.6	2.3	24.4
70	39	Savills	58	...	...	...	...
82	34	Scot Met	74	...	1.5	...	...
96	39	Shaftesbury	94	...	...	...	...
15½	5	Shield	12½	...	...	...	...
224	139½	Slough Estates	215	+10	...	4.7	15.0
82	56	Southend Prop	66	...	4.1	8.0	32.8
28	16	Stanhope Prps	23	...	...	...	...
177	114	Tops Ests	173	...	2.0	1.4	43.9
116	79	Town Centre	107	...	3.1	3.6	20.0
72	43	Trafford Park	67	...	2.5	4.8	18.1
66	30	UK Land	30	...	...	...	...
9½	4	Union Square	7	...	...	...	...
243	180	Warner	221	+1	10.5	5.9	20.2
202	168	Warnford	195	...	7.5	4.9	...
9	3½	Waterglade	3½	+½	...	...	...
67	35	Wates	61	...	0.7	1.6	...
76	40	Wood John D	67	...	...	...	...

SHOES, LEATHER

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
18	11	Automagic	16	...	...	...	...
157	86	Headlam	152	-2	...	2.1	33.5
500	330	Lambert	383	...	13.0	4.2	9.4
100	57	Pittards	60	-11	2.0	4.2	17.1
30	20	Strong & Fisher	28	...	1.0	4.5	7.8
163	89	Stylo	163	+5	...	2.3	61.2
55	53	UK Safety	53	...	...	23.8	1.7

TEXTILES

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
495	408	Allied Text	487	...	12.6	3.2	15.8
69	54	Beckman (A)	63	...	4.7	...	12.5
33	21	Bolton Gp	29	...	...	...	14.8
165	141	Br Mohair	160	...	8.5	6.6	...
22	15	Charnwell	22	...	0.4	2.3	...
346	298	Claremont Ga	330	...	7.2	2.7	20.6
601	522	Courtauld Text	538	-1	13.6	3.2	14.7
57½	24½	Cupid	29	...	...	...	...
248½	208	Dawson	208	-1	...	5.4	15.8
30	22	Drummond	27	...	...	...	...
37½	27	Dunkeld	31	...	...	...	...
72	65	Foxpel	68	...	...	9.4	...
34	15	Foster (John)	20	-2	...	...	...
133	82	Gaskell	116	...	4.2	4.6	...
188	156	Hicking Pncst	188	+5	4.0	2.7	...
59	45	Jerome (S)	50	...	...	...	...
365	249	Lamont	345	...	12.0	4.3	22.8
506	357½	Leeds	480	+5	...	1.9	23.2
43	15	Lister	34	...	0.1	0.4	...
122	78	Lyles (S)	81	+1	4.9	7.6	9.2
180	89	Magellan	159	...	1.4	1.1	...
140	69	Parkland 'A'	140	...	2.0	1.8	...
102½	82	Readicut	95	...	3.4	4.5	...
51	35	SEET	41	...	...	...	...
94	72	Sirdar	90	...	5.1	7.2	15.8
70	44	Stirling Gp	66	...	1.8	3.6	...
51	40	Stoddard	40	...	1.5	4.8	...
312	250	Tomkinsons	296	...	11.5	4.9	25.5
62½	32½	West Trust	40	...	...	7.8	...
417	292	Yorklyde	381	...	10.4	3.4	12.5

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1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
507	411	BAT	419	-2½	...	5.5	15.7
743	584½	Rothmans 'B'	698	-4	...	2.1	14.5

TRANSPORT

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
441	349	Assoc Br Ports	426	+1	...	2.5	...
815	708½	BAA	729	-1	...	2.7	19.1
312	249	Br Airways	309	+5	...	4.3	16.9
106	56	Clarkson (H)	87	...	1.5	2.2	...
23	23	Davies Newman	23	...	...	...	...
515	332	Eurotunnel Uts	406	+1	...	...	...
52	44	Fisher (James)	49	...	1.0	2.6	13.2
160	126	Graig	155	...	...	0.8	...
193	147	Ioff Steam	192	...	...	5.2	10.1
34	24	Jacobs (JI)	31	...	0.5	2.0	...
84	41	Lon O'Seas Frts	84	...	...	1.5	16.2
2250	1262½	Manchstr Sh	2150	...	4.5	0.3	11.7
349	280	Mersey Docks	340	+2	7.5	2.8	21.8
210	181	Nati Express	205	+3	...	4.3	14.7
284	238	NFC	248	+1	6.5	3.3	18.7
302	244	Ocean Group	295	+1	...	6.1	24.5
66	40	Ocean Wilson	59	...	4.0	8.5	10.7
648	504	P & O Dfd	622	+6	...	6.1	33.7
152	127	P & O 5 1/2%	150	...	...	4.6	...
555	448	Powell Duffryn	535	-1	...	5.3	20.7
140	117	Seacon	136	...	...	4.7	8.6
139	112	Stagecoach	131	...	...	3.6	16.8
43	24	TIP Europe	41½	...	1.4	4.2	10.1
50½	31½	TNT	50½	...	...	...	...
765	624	Tibbet & Britn	723	...	11.8	2.0	22.7
382	173	Tiphook	322	...	17.5	6.7	6.4
298	229	TDG	229	-1	9.5	5.2	...

WATER

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
533	455	Anglian Water	482	+1	...	5.6	9.5
652	547	Northumbrian	556	+2	...	5.1	5.9
533	431½	North West	473	+1	...	5.7	8.4
533	439	Severn Trent	461	-½	...	5.7	6.8
594	454	Sthrn Water	485	+4	...	5.5	7.6
1350	1225	Sth Staffs	1310	...	47.0	4.5	...
569	465	South West	497	+1	...	6.0	8.2
561	454	Thames Water	476	+3	...	5.5	9.0
612	506	Welsh Water	570	-2	21.4	4.7	6.6
649	536	Wessex Water	567	...	...	4.7	8.9
593	477½	Yorkshire W	490	-3	...	5.4	8.4

Source: Finstat

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SHORTS (under 5 years)

1993 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
103	100	Treas 12½% 1993	100	...	12.50	...
100½	99	Fund 6% 1993	100	...	6.00	5.78
106½	101½	Treas 13¾% 1993	103	...	13.33	5.57
102	101	Treas 8¼% 1994	101	...	8.16	5.61
109	105	Treas 14½% 1994	105	...	13.71	5.55
109	106	Exch 13½% 1994	106	...	12.69	5.51
105	102	Treas 10% 1994	103	...	9.62	5.56
110	107	Exch 12¼% 1994	107	...	11.62	5.50
105	103	Treas 9% 1994	104	...	8.64	5.74
111	108	Treas 12% 1995	109	...	11.00	5.85
99	99	Gas 3% 1990-95	99	...	3.12	5.31
109	107	Exch 10¼% 1995	108	...	9.49	6.02
116	113	Treas 12¾% 1995	114	...	11.17	6.18
120	117	Treas 14% 1996	117	...	11.90	6.39
125	121	Treas 15¼% 1996	122	...	12.48	6.51
120	116	Exch 13¼% 1996	117	...	11.30	6.52
111	108	Conv 10% 1996	110	...	9.09	6.60
122	118	Treas 13¼% 1997	119	...	11.05	6.80
113	110	Exch 10½% 1997	111	...	9.40	6.78
108	105	Treas 8¾% 1997	106	...	8.19	6.80
132	127	Exch 15% 1997	128	...	11.63	7.07
112	109	Exch 9¾% 1998	110	...	8.82	6.98
103	99	Treas 7¼% 1998	101	...	7.14	6.83
101	97	Treas 6¾% 1995-98	99	...	6.78	6.65
129	125	Treas 14% 1998-01	126	...	11.06	7.30

MEDIUMS (5 to 15 years)

1993 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
138	132	Treas 15½% 1998	135	...	11.44	7.23
122	118	Exch 12% 1998	120	...	9.98	7.35
112	108	Treas 9½% 1999	110	...	8.62	7.22
124	120	Exch 12¼% 1999	122	...	10.04	7.43
117	112	Treas 10½% 1999	115	...	9.13	7.30
117	112	Conv 10¼% 1999	114	...	8.96	7.36
110	106	Conv 9% 2000	108	...	8.28	7.30
131	125	Treas 13% 2000	129	...	10.11	7.46
119	109	Treas 10% 2001	113	...	8.80	7.60
114	108	Treas 9¾% 2002	113	...	8.63	7.72
107	97	Treas 8% 2003	102	...	7.81	7.62
116	109	Treas 10% 2003	115	...	8.68	7.78
122	116	Treas 11½% 2001-04	120	...	9.53	7.96
74	67	Fund 3½% 1999-04	73	...	4.79	7.31
112	105	Conv 9½% 2004	111	...	8.49	7.87
112	105	Conv 9½% 2005	112	...	8.48	7.90
137	124	Treas 12½% 2003-05	130	...	9.61	8.14
101	94	Treas 8% 2002-06	100	...	7.95	7.91
129	119	Treas 11¾% 2003-07	123	...	9.49	8.10
104	97	Treas 8½% 2007	104	...	8.17	7.96
139	131	Treas 13½% 2004-08	137	...	9.81	8.17

LONGS (over 15 years)

1993 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
108	101	Treas 9% 2008	108	...	8.28	7.99
99	92	Treas 8% 2009	97	...	8.03	8.03
109	100	Conv 9% 2011	108	...	8.38	8.06
108	100	Treas 9% 2012	108	...	8.28	8.08
77	70	Treas 5½% 2008-12	76	...	7.15	7.82
97	89	Treas 7¾% 2012-15	96	...	8.04	8.09
99	93	Treas 8% 2013	99	...	8.09	8.09
135	125	Exch 12% 2013-17	129	...	9.34	8.32
106	97	Treas 8¾% 2017	106	...	8.25	8.13

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1993 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
42	39	War Ln 3½%	42	...	8.25	...
30	27	Treas 2½%	30	...	8.35	...

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1993 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
134	131	Treas IL 2% 1994	134	...	...	1.17
197	194	Treas IL 2% 1996	197	...	2.01	2.83
109	105	Treas IL 4⅝% 1998	108	...	2.33	2.96
166	159	Treas IL 2½% 2001	165	...	2.89	3.25
163	155	Treas IL 2½% 2003	162	...	2.99	3.29
111	105	Treas IL 4⅛% 2004	110	...	3.06	3.35
170	159	Treas IL 2% 2006	170	...	3.10	3.32
154	144	Treas IL 2½% 2009	154	...	3.25	3.45
159	149	Treas IL 2½% 2011	159	...	3.31	3.50
131	122	Treas IL 2½% 2013	131	...	3.37	3.53
130	130	Treas IL 2½% 2016	139	...	3.43	3.62
137	124	Treas IL 2½% 2020	137	...	3.49	3.62
111	102	Treas IL 2½% 2024	111	...	3.49	3.62
111	103	Treas IL 4⅛% 2030	111	...	3.50	3.63

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ACCOUNTANCY

Mazars builds bridgehead

BY EDWARD FENNELL

JACQUES Attali may have left town, but *London has not* seen the last of the Gallic attempt to infiltrate the Anglo-Saxon financial establishment.

Since the beginning of the year, Mazars, the French accountancy firm, which currently operates in 24 countries, has got off to a rapid start in building a presence in the United Kingdom. This opened in the spring with the appointment of Robin Peters, a former Touche Ross partner, and Jonathan Ladd, who heads management consultancy. The practice is being strengthened by the arrival of Derek Haynes, a partner with Clarke Whitehill and a member of the auditing committee of the English institute of chartered accountants.

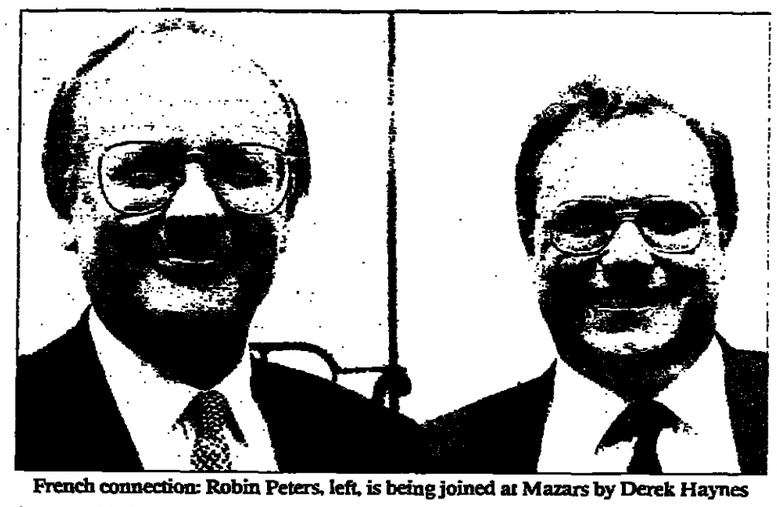
Mr Haynes said: "It's very refreshing to join an ambitious firm at the early stage in a new phase of development. Mazars is now very serious about becoming a major international operation, but it is doing this from a European angle. I think there is a genuinely different flavour here from the typical Anglo-Saxon firm."

Robin Peters confirmed the difference in style from the big London accountancy firms. "Having left Touche to go into industry, I vowed I would never go back into practice," he said. "However, I found the French approach to the profession very attractive. French accountants shun bureaucracy, refuse to be hidebound by history and try to find commercial solutions which are not predetermined by custom and practice."

On the basis of referrals, Mazars has made an immediate impact in London. Through its links with Pernod Ricard, it now includes Campbell Distillers, Abelour Glenlivet and B&C among its clients.

In the engineering field, it has Thomson Electronic and Airbus Industrie. French Railways and Rail Manche are also on the list and the financial sector includes Sun Life. Mazar is also the lead audit partner for Pearl Assurance.

Building on this strong international base, Mazars is keen to develop a distinctive UK practice. It is recruiting experienced middle-ranking managers from leading firms and, for the time being, will benefit from not having to invest in initial training of graduates. That will change, however, as it grows in size.



French connection: Robin Peters, left, is being joined at Mazars by Derek Haynes

Although Mr Peters and Mr Ladd regularly go to Paris to brief senior Mazars partners, it is clear that the firm will have a definite British character. The Mazars philosophy is that each national practice should have its own distinctive style — in contrast to the mid-Atlantic identity of the large Anglo-Saxon firms. None the less, there will be an underlying Gallic influence that will shine through in the way the firm relates to clients. Mr Peters said: "Mazars has a high reputation for independence and ethical standards and we are determined to maintain that."

Apart from its new initiative in the UK, Mazars is making determined progress in establishing itself in Eastern Europe. Last month, for example, it was appointed by the European Commission to direct the development of an institute of management in Kiev, capital of Ukraine. With a budget of 2.6 million ecus (£2 million), it is working with Louvain university, the Deutsche Management Akademie, the Institut Belge de Formation and the Programme Copernic.

Such Franco-Belgian-German co-operation provides healthy competition for the British accountancy establishment. Insiders at the English institute admit that they are concerned at the progress the French are making in establishing themselves in former communist countries.

Mazars regularly brings young trainees from the East to Paris to give them training in basic double-entry bookkeeping skills.

Final proof that the big London firms need to take Mazars seriously comes from its current French brochure. It is glossily produced and illustrated with seductive sepia landscape photography; the text is effusive about the "*Approche Particulière des Relations Humaines au Sein de Mazars*" and its dealings with its clients "*intenses d vraies*". Poetry, it seems, will be added to quality in pursuit of the big deal.

Directors find Cadbury tastes a little bitter

FROM today, all listed UK companies have to comply with the Cadbury code of best practice. As you might expect, as theory becomes practice, complaints and dissent are growing.

Company chairmen in their last published accounts before the Cadbury deadline have been making it clear that extra regulation is an infernal nuisance and finance directors are starting to flex their muscles over what they argue will be extra work and extra cost.

The facts are simpler. The Cadbury code is effective for all company reports covering years ending after June 30 this year. It covers guidelines splitting the role of the chairman and the chief executive, introducing non-executive directors, audit committees and greater disclosure of directors' remuneration. It emphasises the board of directors' collective responsibility for the integrity of the accounts, the effectiveness of internal control systems and an "objective and professional" relationship with the external auditors. Those seem straight forward, unarguable points. Ask a man on the Clapham omnibus and he would be bound to say adherence to those sort of rules "stands to reason". What would confuse him are growing complaints that the system is more than a board should have to endure. Look at the examples in the latest issue of *Company Reporting* and you will find Touche Ross is producing audit reports that already take into account the whole Cadbury proposals and which provide a full compliance report in the accounts, of, for example, Travis Perkins, the builders' merchant. You find Guinness and the Pearson Group have already provided comments on the effectiveness of internal control and the other controversial area, "going concern" status. The difference is that whereas Guinness explains the background to both issues and then states that it has complied, Pearson starts quibbling. In the financial review in its accounts, it explains why there are problems. On the "going concern" statements, it argues that "the normal budgeting cycle means detailed cash flow projections are not usually available for any part of the financial year beyond that in which the accounts containing the going concern assertion are published. The time horizon, therefore, should accord with practicalities". Pearson says "the nature of many bank facilities and rhythm of their renewal or confirmation will sit awkwardly with categorical ex-ante judgments about their availability. It is to be hoped those devising the methodology for the framing and validation of going concern statements will have regard to commercial realities." This last chunk is the old code of finance directors. What they mean is it is a nuisance having to do something differently to conform to new rules so why do not the people putting the rules together note existing procedures and just rubber stamp the status quo.

To see an extreme example of this argument you need to look at the latest accounts of Shiloh, of Oldham. Here the chairman first makes the point that all these new fangled rules are irrelevant for companies where directors always behave impeccably. Or, as he puts it, "we believe the directors have, over the years, led by example on such matters as salary restraint without the need for time-wasting remuneration and audit committee.' He then follows with the time-honoured argument that the best way to treat shareholders is to tell them less rather than more about the state of the company they own. His conclusion is: "We therefore have reservations about the need for these new proposals, and consider shareholders are best served by being presented with a simple set of accounts without voluminous pages of incomprehensible information companies will be compelled to serve up in the future." It is against this sort of background that the remarks of Michael Lawrence, the Prudential's finance director, to a CBI conference need to be seen. Lawrence carries clout in world of finance directors. He is chairman of the 100 Group of finance directors, their main lobby group. But although what he said was not couched in the same terms as the Shiloh statement, the message is the same.



ROBERT BRUCE

He attacked the "proliferation of material from a wide range of bodies, all telling us what we should and should not put in our reports and accounts". He argued that all the work should have been done by the one body, preferably the financial reporting council, and gave the impression that it was inconvenient for finance directors to get guidelines or advice from more than one body at one time.

The Cadbury season has only just begun. We can only hope little credence will be given to those who say change is irksome and no credence at all to those who effectively argue directors should not be seen to be accountable for their stewardship and actions.

Challenge for financial hacks

BOB Rothenberg, keen-eyed managing partner of Blick Rothenberg, the London accountancy firm, has challenged Fleet Street financial journalists to a game of cricket. The firm, which regularly plays against solicitors and accountants at Regent's Park, near its offices, is keen to see financial hacks join the fun — although the planned time of early Monday evening may fall foul of newsroom deadlines. "We try to play a game every week through the summer, combining business and pleasure," says Rothenberg, whose past adversaries include Touche Ross, solicitors such as Fox Williams and Withers, and banks such as NatWest. "It's 11 to 11, rather than one to one," he quips. An accountant to the end, he describes the ratio of losses to wins so far as "50-50".

African forum

GRANT Thornton has thrown its weight behind one of the more unusual statistical exercises of the year and is attempting to compile a register of South Africans working in the South East. Nick Hankey, a manager with the firm, has written to alumni of various South African universities with the intention of setting up a club for South Africans in business. He says: "I have felt young South Africans in business, such as myself, do not have a forum to plug into their own unique network to make and re-establish contacts." A members' directory will follow.

Winning chance

THAT outpost of the English Institute, Milton Keynes, is gearing up for its annual golf day in September, when local companies will be given a chance to win back something for their audit fees. Touche Ross has donated a trophy and decanter set for the winners of the event, to be held at the Woburn Golf and Country Club on September 10 and sponsored by the Milton Keynes Chamber of Commerce. All competitors will receive gifts sponsored by Coopers & Lybrand, Ernst & Young and KPMG Peat Marwick. The morning has a nine-hole individual competition on Woburn's Duchess course with a main team "Stableford" competition being held in the afternoon on the Duke's course. The day will end with dinner and prize giving.

JON ASHWORTH

Tax accounts must not mislead

Gallagher v Jones (Inspector of Taxes)
Threlfall v Same

Before Sir Thomas Bingham, Master of the Rolls, Lord Justice Nolan and Sir Christopher Slade

[Judgment June 30]

In computing liability to income tax, a taxpayer who acquired trading assets under the terms of a financing agreement that required heavy outlay in the initial months could not claim as allowable expenditure the total amount of the leasing charges for the year in which those payments were made.

There was no rule of law requiring the expenditure under the agreement to be chargeable in the accounts for the year in which it fell due. The profit and loss computation had to be made according to accepted principles of commercial accountancy and not on the basis of accounts that gave a misleading picture of the taxpayer's trading results.

The Court of Appeal so held in a reserved judgment in allowing an appeal by the Crown from Mr Justice Harman (*The Times* February 10, 1993; [1993] STC 199) in which he had allowed appeals by way of case stated by the taxpayers, Mr Geoffrey Gallagher and Mr Kevin Threlfall, from determinations of Mr David Shirley, a special commissioner, rejecting the taxpayers' claims under section 381 of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988 to carry back certain trading losses incurred in 1989-90 to be set against their taxable incomes for 1986-87.

Both taxpayers were granted leave to appeal to the House of Lords.

The taxpayer, Mr Threlfall, carried on trade hiring out narrow boats. During 1989 he entered into three commercial leasing agreements with a finance company to acquire three boats. Each agreement was in the same form.

One agreement, for the acquisition of the Golden Serenade, provided for a primary period of 24 months with an initial payment by the taxpayer of £14,562 and 17 monthly payments of £2,080. Thereafter the agreement provided for a secondary period of 21 years commencing in November 1991 at an annual rental of £5.

The taxpayer's accounts for the relevant period, not endorsed with any statement that they gave a true and fair view of the results of the taxpayer's trade, showed a loss of £64,586, most of which arose from leasing charges paid under the agreements. The taxpayer claimed that sum as a trading loss for 1989-90.

Similar facts giving rise to identical issues applied in the case of Mr Gallagher.

Mr Ian Glick, QC and Mr Launcelot Henderson for the Crown; Mr G. Rex Bretten, QC and Mr Robert Grierson for the taxpayers.

THE MASTER OF THE ROLLS said that the appeals raised a short and readily intelligible, but none the less significant and potentially far reaching question.

The taxpayer's case was that the full sum of the initial payments and the monthly payments during the five-month trading period covered by the accounts was correctly shown as a debit in the accounts. That, it was said, was because the law required the expenditure under the agreement to lie where, or more accurately when, it fell.

To redraw the accounts, it was said, would violate the rule that neither profit nor loss was to be anticipated. It was not permissible to reconstruct the genuine transactions into which the taxpayer had entered for the purpose of assessing tax.

The Crown's case was that the taxpayer's liability depended on a correct computation of his receipts and expenditure during the relevant accounting period. Such computation, it was said, was ordinarily to be made according to accepted principles of commercial accountancy and thus the full sum of the initial payment and the monthly payments made under the lease agreements during the period were not correctly shown as a debit in the accounts.

Such treatment, the Crown argued, gave a wholly misleading picture of the taxpayer's trading result. Mr Glick contended that the Revenue's treatment involved no anticipation of profits or losses and no disregard of the transactions into which the taxpayer had entered but simply an analysis on conventional lines of the financial effect of what he had done.

Thus the Crown's case was founded on what were said to be accepted principles of commercial accountancy, reliance being placed on two Inland Revenue Statements of Standard Accounting Practice: SSAP 2 (disclosure of accounting policies) and SSAP 21 (accounting for leases and hire purchase contracts).

Mr Justice Harman had held that clear and authoritative rulings in *Vallambrosa Rubber Co Ltd v Farmer* ([1910] 5 TC 529) and *Duple Motor Bodies Ltd v IRC* ([1961] 1 WLR 739) compelled a different conclusion from that reached by the commissioner.

He concluded that expenditure incurred by a taxpayer for the purposes of his trade fell to be deducted, in computing the profits or losses of that trade, during the accounting period during which it was incurred under the relevant contract even though ordinary principles of commercial accounting would allocate the expenditure wholly or partly to other accounting periods.

The issue, therefore, was whether that *ratio* was right or wrong. It was doubtful whether the Court of Session in the *Vallambrosa* case laid down any general overriding principle. Moreover, the decision in *Duple Motors* could not bear the weight that the judge gave to it.

The ordinary way to ascertain the profits or losses of a business was to apply accepted principles of commercial accountancy. That was the very purpose for which such principles were formulated. Such principles were not static: they might be modified, refined and elaborated over time as circumstances changed and accounting insights sharpened.

But so long as such principles remained current and generally accepted they provided the surest answer to the question which the legislation required to be answered. As Sir John Pennycuick, Vice-Chancellor, had pointed out in *Odeon Associated Theatres Ltd v Jones* ([1971] 1 WLR 442), different considerations arose where there was no accounting evidence or where there were two or more principles either or any of which was generally accepted. Those considerations did not apply here.

The authorities did not lay down any rule of law such as that for which the taxpayers contended and the judge had found. Given the provisions of sections 1(1), 18, 60, 380(1), 381 and 382(4) of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988 it was hard to understand how any judge-made rule could override the application of a generally accepted rule of commercial accountancy, which (a) applied to the situation in question, (b) was not one of two or more rules applicable to the situation in question and (c) was not shown to be inconsistent with the true facts or otherwise inapt to determine the true profits or losses of the business.

The Crown was correct in submitting that the taxpayers could not be taxed on the basis of accounts which on uncontradicted evidence gave a completely misleading picture of their trading results.

Lord Justice Nolan and Sir Christopher Slade delivered concurring judgments.

Solicitors: Solicitor of Inland Revenue; Herbert Wilkes, Birmingham.

Defective transfer instrument valid

Nisbet v Shepherd

Before Lord Justice Balcombe, Lord Justice Leggatt and Lord Justice Hoffmann

[Judgment June 28]

The omission from an instrument, purporting to transfer legal title to shares in a company, of the amount of consideration given for the tranfer was a mere irregularity and did not prevent it being a proper instrument of transfer for the purposes of section 75 of the Companies Act 1948, now section 183 of the Companies Act 1985. The registration of the transfer by the company on receipt of such an instrument was therefore lawful and effective to transfer legal title to the shares.

The Court of Appeal so held, dismissing an appeal by the sole member of Keith Moulton & Co Ltd, Mr Kenneth Eric Shepherd, from an order of Judge Maddocks who, sitting as an High Court judge in Leeds on March 9, 1992, had granted the company's liquidator, Mr David Nisbet, *inter alia*, a declaration that Mr Shepherd was personally liable jointly and severally with the company for payment of each and all unsatisfied debts of the company contracted after October 22, 1983, pursuant to section 24 of the 1985 Act, and an order that all accounts and enquiries necessary to ascertain each and all unsatisfied debts be taken and carried out forthwith.

Mr Aubrey Craig for Mr Shepherd; Mr James H. Allen for Mr Nisbet.

LORD JUSTICE LEGGATT said that the case afforded a useful reminder to small traders that, by virtue of section 24 of the 1985 Act, they would not succeed in limiting their liability by establishing a company if they failed to ensure that no more than six months went by without the company having at least one other member.

Until April 22, 1983 the company had had two members with equal shareholdings. On that date the other member had sold his shares to Mr Shepherd for £20,000 and purported to execute a stock transfer. However, the instrument was defective in that it was undated, did not state the consideration given, as required by section 5 of the Stamp Act 1891, omitted the addresses of the transferor and the transferee, was not signed by the transferee and was not stamped. The company had subsequently registered the transfer.

It was conceded that if the failure to state the consideration did not render the transfer a nullity none of the other defects would. However, it had been contended that, since section 75 of the 1948 Act provided that it was not lawful for a company to register a transfer where no proper instrument of transfer had been delivered to it, the transfer was a nullity and ineffective to transfer the legal estate in the shares because the defective instrument was not proper, with the result that Mr Shepherd had never become the sole member of the company.

His Lordship found it difficult to see why a failure to comply with section 5 of the 1891 Act should result in an instrument not being a proper instrument. Even if the amount of consideration had been stated the Revenue could still have gone behind it if they had reason to think it had been misstated.

From the date of execution the company had acted on and registered the transfer and recognised Mr Shepherd as its sole shareholder. For seven years he had recorded himself as the sole shareholder. It was now too late to impeach the transfer unless it was invalidated by statute.

A "proper instrument" for the purposes of section 75 of the 1948 Act was one which was "appropriate or suitable", in this case suitable for stamping. Although it had not been stamped, which was an omission of the transferee, it was an instrument which sufficiently recorded the transaction to be chargeable with stamp duty, and was therefore a proper instrument.

It followed that the registration had not been unlawful with the result that Mr Shepherd was the sole shareholder and the judge's order was therefore inescapable.

LORD JUSTICE HOFFMANN, concurring, said that he had considerable sympathy with Mr Shepherd, who had fallen foul of an ancient and obsolete rule of company law. Section 24 of the 1985 Act had its origins in section 48 of the Companies Act 1862: the reasons for its survival were obscure and it seemed to serve no useful purpose.

He could have avoided its effect by transferring a single share to his wife to hold on trust for him but he had not done so.

Lord Justice Balcombe agreed.

Solicitors: G. F. Lodder & Sons, Stratford upon Avon; R. C. Moorhouse & Co, Leeds.

Intentional homelessness

Regina v Brent London Borough Council, Ex parte Awua

Before Sir Louis Blom-Cooper, QC

[Judgment June 8]

Where an unintentionally homeless person in intermediate short term accommodation, provided as a stage in the local authority's process of performing its housing duty, refused an offer of permanent accommodation, the authority's duty had been performed and the person's subsequent eviction from the intermediate accommodation was capable of making him intentionally homeless.

Sir Louis Blom-Cooper, QC, sitting as a deputy judge of the Queen's Bench Division, so held when granting the applicant, Ms Victoria Awua, judicial review, on other grounds, of the finding of Brent London Borough Council that she was intentionally homeless.

Mr Terence Gallivan for the applicant; Mr Ashley Underwood for Brent.

HIS LORDSHIP said that Tower Hamlets London Borough Council had agreed to house the applicant as being unintentionally homeless. She was housed in short term accommodation as a stage in the prospective fulfilment of the authority's duty to secure permanent accommodation.

Tower Hamlets shortly thereafter secured an offer of what it considered appropriate permanent accommodation from the Peabody Trust. Tower Hamlets interpreted her ambivalent response to the offer, given under the terms of the authority's "one offer only" policy, as a refusal.

A dispute about her non-acceptance of the offer remaining unresolved, Tower Hamlets applied for a possession order in respect of the intermediate accommodation.

The applicant applied to Brent which decided that her disinclination to take up the Peabody offer could give rise to her becoming intentionally homeless from the intermediate accommodation since, although short term, that was settled accommodation as she held it for an indefinite period pending an offer of permanent accommodation.

In *R v Brent LBC, Ex parte Macwan* (*The Times* May 24, 1993) his Lordship had held that the housing of a homeless person in temporary accommodation as a stage in securing permanent accommodation could not in law be "settled".

His Lordship accepted Mr Underwood's submissions that, where temporary accommodation had been supplied pursuant to the authority's duty under Part III of the Housing Act 1985, followed by a favourable decision letter, and the authority in fact moved expeditiously towards fulfilling its duty to secure that permanent accommodation was made available, it was wrong to focus on the temporary accommodation in isolation from the overall provision of accommodation.

A staged process could not fulfil the statutory duty but as soon as an offer was made of suitable accommodation the temporary, staged, "unsettled" accommodation was merged in the performance of the statutory duty and the fact that the occupied accommodation was not settled became irrelevant for the purposes of Part III.

Solicitors: T. V. Edwards, Bow; Miss Amanda Kelly, Brent.

Lawyers cannot guarantee clients' probity

Rooks Rider (a Firm) v J. R. Steel and Others

Before Mr Justice Knox

[Judgment June 23]

A solicitor's unconditional undertaking to be responsible for the costs of another solicitor could not be impugned on the sole ground of bad faith in the latter's lay client: merely to act for a client could not give rise to an implied guarantee of his probity.

Mr Justice Knox so held in the Chancery Division, on an originating summons issued by Rooks Rider, a firm of solicitors, seeking to enforce against the defendants, solicitors practising as White & Bowker, an undertaking given by White & Bowker to Rooks Rider that White & Bowker would pay Rooks Rider's proper fees and disbursements in connection with the preparation and execution of a proposed loan agreement between Hisna Foundation Inc, a Louisiana corporation, and Chawton House Hotel Ltd "whether the matter proceeds to completion or not".

Mr Mark H. Lomas for the plaintiffs; Mr David Guy for the defendants.

MR JUSTICE KNOX said that towards the end of 1990 Hisna and Chawton had, subject to contract, agreed that Hisna would lend Chawton £35 million at 10 per cent a year to enable Chawton to develop a hotel and golf course, on condition that Chawton would in advance provide Hisna with a letter of credit to cover the first year's interest and would pay Hisna's costs.

On December 28, Hisna, of whom Rooks Rider knew nothing, sought to instruct them, as a matter of urgency, to prepare the loan contract for completion on January 4, which Rooks Rider were only willing to do if White & Bowker gave them an unconditional solicitors' undertaking to pay their costs, which White & Bowker duly gave.

The partners involved on each side had each given entirely honest evidence. It was common ground that Rooks Rider made plain to White & Bowker their ignorance of Hisna's background and means.

After contracts had been negotiated and exchanged, for which the plaintiffs' proper charges amounted to £31,918, certain attempts had been made by Hisna to lay its hands on the letter of credit.

Rooks Rider, however, had made it impossible for its receipt by Hisna to be anticipated, for which Chawton were duly grateful, for the parties soon discovered that on January 21 had begun a prosecution, followed by a conviction in May, of two of Hisna's directors, one of whom had sported a bogus "reverend" before his name in order to acquire an aura of respectability, for a fraud on an earlier would-be borrower.

It then transpired that Hisna had no funds and although Chawton's letter of credit had never been in danger, it became plain that Hisna's object from the start had been to defraud Chawton and when in May Rooks Rider presented White & Bowker with their bill of costs, White & Bowker declined to pay it.

The question was whether a fraudulent intent on the part of a client, unknown to his solicitor, vitiated an unconditional solicitor's undertaking given, on behalf of an honest client, to that solicitor.

Mr Guy had pointed to the provision, in clause 2.5 of the contract itself, for payment of Hisna's costs only when the loan was available but that operated as between Chawton and Hisna.

Rooks Rider were relying on the independent obligation owed to them by White & Bowker as a result of White & Bowker's undertaking. Rooks Rider's rights, therefore, were purged of any element of illegality in the loan contract.

Mr Guy also contended that Rooks Rider had made a relevant, albeit innocent, misrepresentation to White & Bowker as to their client's bona fides which disentitled Rooks Rider to rely on White & Bowker's undertaking.

His Lordship could not accept such a proposition. No solicitor could safely act for anybody if by acting at all he was to be taken as representing that his client was an honest person.

That would put on the profession the unfair burden of having to guarantee the bona fides of every client. White & Bowker must, accordingly, honour the unconditional undertaking which they had given to Rooks Rider on January 2, 1991.

Solicitors: Rooks Rider; White & Bowker.

Bail effect minimal

Regina v Callan

No substantial reduction in a sentence should be made merely because the appellant had been on bail for a considerable time awaiting the hearing of his appeal.

The Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Staughton, Mr Justice Laws and Mrs Justice Smith) so held on June 16 in allowing an appeal by Michael Edward Callan against consecutive sentences of five months imprisonment imposed in February 1992 at Knightsbridge Crown Court (Judge Walter) for possessing a firearm and ammunition without a certificate.

LORD JUSTICE STAUGHTON said that those who applied for bail should realise that if their application was granted but their appeal was later unsuccessful, they would then have to serve their sentence.

But were they then to refrain from applying for bail, even though they believed and were advised that there were arguable grounds of appeal?

In the present state of the lists, the sentence might well have been served by the time the appeal was heard.

Their Lordships did not wish to discourage judges from granting bail in those cases, which were not many, when it was appropriate to do so.

Consequently it was not thought right to make a substantial reduction in the sentence although it could be reduced from five to four months for that reason.

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-do- Inc	350.10	372.50	-0.50	3.64
Gilt/Fxd Int Acc	176.90	186.40	-0.70	6.15
-do- Inc	92.74	97.94	-0.35	6.15
Nth America	256.60	273.20	-2.90	...
Far East	302.70	322.10	-1.70	0.17
Europe	225.10	239.50	-1.50	1.00
General Inc	425.80	455.70	-0.50	2.40
-do- Acc	469.90	499.90	-0.50	2.40
Brit Excell	64.54	68.66	-0.52	2.67
Brit Fndmtls Inc	68.47	72.95	-0.08	4.71
Brit Fndmtls Acc	98.26	93.90	-0.09	4.71
Global Opps	72.68	77.52	-0.42	0.02
BANK OF IRELAND FUND MANAGERS 36 Queen St, London, EC4R 1BN 071 489 8673				
Brit O seas	250.30	265.50	-0.20	1.35
Capital Gwth	101.20	106.50	-1.00	2.54
Worldwide Opps	152.90	160.90	-0.90	0.60
BARCLAYS UNICORN LTD Gredley Hse, 1-11 Broadway, London E15 081 534 5544				
Capital	106.50	113.90	-0.10	2.89
Euro Gth Inc	114.40	121.40	-0.40	1.90
Extra Inc	106.80	114.20	-0.10	4.90
General	242.50	259.40	-0.20	2.98
Gilt Fxd Inc	58.54	60.57	-0.07	8.18
Income	491.50	525.70	-0.30	4.38
BARING FUND MANAGERS PO Box 156, Beckenham, Kent BR3 4XQ 081 658 9002				
American Gth	93.29	99.03	-1.77	0.10
Amer Smllr Cos	120.80	129.30	-1.00	...
Convertibles	53.01	56.69	-0.16	7.10
Eastern	183.70	198.10	-2.70	1.60
Equity Income	83.24	88.55	...	6.30
European Gth	226.60	240.70	-1.70	1.50
Euro Smllr Cos	149.10	159.00	-0.30	1.90
Exempt	93.72	95.90	-0.25	3.60
German Growth	57.44	61.15	-0.35	0.70
Global Growth	108.50	115.90	-1.10	...
Japan Growth	198.80	212.80	+1.10	...
Japan Sunrise	175.10	186.90	-0.50	...
Portfolio	119.70	127.90	-0.20	3.20
-do- Acc	213.30	226.10	-0.40	3.20
UK Growth	82.99	88.28	-0.04	2.80
UK Smaller Cos	86.44	92.44	-0.07	1.90
Select Managers	63.73	68.22	-0.22	2.00
BRITANNIA LIFE UNIT MANAGERS LTD 190 West George St, Glasgow G2 2PA 041 332 3132				
Balan Gth Acc	106.14	113.52	+0.02	1.87
-do- Inc	96.50	103.20	+0.01	1.97
Global Bond	29.46	31.25	-0.18	5.37
High Yield Acc	54.40	58.18	+0.10	3.50
-do- Inc	39.06	41.77	-0.39	3.50
Smlr Cos Acc	93.68	100.19	+0.12	1.35
-do- Inc	86.10	92.09	+0.11	1.35
Amer Gth Acc	58.54	62.60	-0.64	...
-do- Inc	57.44	61.44	-0.62	...
Euro Gth Acc	100.79	107.80	+0.16	1.07
-do- Inc	99.41	106.32	+0.16	1.07
Mngd P folio	35.51	37.98	-0.12	1.29
Pacific Growth	101.14	108.17	-1.17	0.58
Intl Spec Opps	89.46	95.68	+0.27	0.67
BROWN SHIPLEY 9/17 Perrymount Rd, Haywards Heath 0444 458144				
Financial	128.30	136.60	+0.20	3.07
Smaller Cos Acc	297.70	326.00	-1.10	...
Smaller Cos Inc	173.20	189.60	-0.70	1.14
High Inc	71.07	76.40	-0.18	6.56
Income	128.90	137.90	+0.20	3.99
Mngd P folio Inc	95.64	101.90	-0.20	1.95
-do- Acc	180.70	192.50	-0.40	...
North American	103.10	109.80	-0.50	0.20
Orient	132.00	142.10	+0.90	...
Recovery	42.02	45.17	+0.02	2.48
German	39.76	42.63	-0.09	0.09
Intl Growth	33.63	35.92	-0.20	0.22
European Inc	21.94	23.52	-0.17	0.48
BUCKMASTER MANAGEMENT Beaufort House, 15 St Botolph Street, London EC3A 7JJ. 071 247 4542 Dealing: 071 247 7474				
Fellowship Tst	61.71	65.65	-0.11	1.47
-do- Acc	69.56	74.01	-0.12	1.47
Income Fund 5	215.00	228.80	-0.10	4.17
-do- Acc	500.40	532.40	-0.20	4.17
Inv Portfolio	67.96	70.43	-0.22	2.13
-do- Acc	76.74	79.53	-0.25	2.13
Smaller Cos	129.00	137.30	-0.10	1.60
-do- Acc	156.10	166.10	-0.20	1.60
High Inc P folio	60.92	63.13	-0.05	4.63
BURRAGE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 117 Fenchurch St, London EC3M 5AL 071 480 7216				
Sht Gilt Fxd Int	66.48	67.39	+0.01	5.76
CIS UNIT MANAGERS LTD PO Box 105, Manchester M60 0AH 061 837 5060				
Environ	134.90	143.60	-0.30	1.71
UK Growth	148.50	158.00	-0.10	2.11
UK Income	124.00	132.00	+0.10	4.14
CANNON LINCOLN FUND MANAGERS 1 Olympic Way, Wembley, Middx HA9 0NB 081 902 8876				
SE Asia	86.30	91.81	-0.71	0.99
Growth	44.47	47.31	-0.01	2.83
Income	54.65	58.14	+0.13	4.13
Far East	48.28	51.36	-0.49	...

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
North American	86.51	92.81	-1.49	...
Global	85.96	91.45	-0.71	0.86
European	70.32	75.14	-0.40	1.02
Japan	113.10	120.30	-0.70	0.01
Intl Currency Bd	58.95	62.51	-0.68	5.13
UK Cap Gwth	80.64	86.25	-0.30	1.95
CAPEL-CURE MYERS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD 35 Fountain Street, Manchester M2 2AF Enquiries: 061 236 5685 Dealing: 061 236 5362				
Capability Trusts				
American Gen	130.00	138.30	-2.00	0.30
-do- Acc	138.20	147.10	-2.00	0.30
European	65.93	69.81	-0.49	0.84
-do- Acc	68.33	73.36	-0.50	0.84
Far East Gen	65.48	69.67	-0.21	...
-do- Acc	65.48	69.67	-0.21	...
Glenfriars	257.30	273.70	-2.40	0.70
-do- Acc	289.60	308.10	-2.80	0.70
Growth	383.50	410.20	+0.90	2.24
-do- Acc	656.60	702.20	+1.50	2.24
Income Growth	376.60	400.70	-1.90	3.76
-do- Acc	500.80	532.80	-2.50	3.76
Master Portfolio	9627.0	9973.0	-5.00	2.19
-do- Acc	11141.0	11542.0	-6.00	2.19
Special Sits	88.21	93.85	+1.04	2.15
-do- Acc	103.23	109.83	+1.21	2.15
Exempt Fund				
High Yield	1204.0	1242.0	-1.00	4.34
-do- Acc	1422.0	1466.0	-2.00	4.34
CAPEL (JAMES) UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 7 Devonshire Square, London EC2M 4HU 071 955 5050. Dealing: 071 955 5055				
American Index	193.00	205.80	-2.00	1.61
Capital	537.00	573.10	-0.50	2.57
Eurotrack 100	130.00	138.50	-1.10	1.49
Euro Gth	80.86	86.20	-0.59	1.31
Far East Growth	91.28	97.41	-1.31	0.07
Global Bond	24.09	25.40	-0.08	6.49
Hong Kong	82.41	87.95	-1.01	0.78
Income	504.30	538.20	-1.40	3.92
Intl Growth	73.78	78.74	-0.35	0.99
Japan Growth	271.00	289.20	...	...
Japan Smllr Cos	35.19	37.55	+0.34	...
Japan Index	80.83	86.26	+0.82	0.22
Nth American	437.70	467.10	-6.20	0.47
S pore Mly Gth	53.31	56.89	-1.78	...
The Footsie Fd	107.20	113.10	-0.20	2.71
Tiger Index	141.00	150.40	-1.30	0.62
Triple Index	106.80	113.90	+0.20	2.52
UK Index	125.00	133.30	+0.20	3.00
CAZENOVE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 3 Copthall Avenue, London EC2R 7BH 071 606 0708				
American P folio	84.61	90.39	+0.64	1.00
European P folio	72.74	77.42	-0.25	1.38
Japanese P folio	65.65	69.68	-0.01	...
Pacific P folio	100.65	108.23	-0.59	1.07
Cazenove P folio	72.18	77.20	-0.15	3.00
UK Income Gth	64.15	68.83	+0.10	5.00
Utility & Bond	50.52	51.17	+0.04	7.00
CENTRAL BOARD OF FINANCE OF CHURCH OF ENGLAND 2 Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ 071 588 1815				
Investment Fd	599.55	601.80	..	4.95
Fixed Int	153.15	153.90	...	9.42
Deposit	5.70	...	5.82	...
CHARITIES OFFICIAL INVESTMENT FUND 2 Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ 071 588 1815				
Income	590.99	598.50		5.00
-do- Acc	2316.8	2332.7	...	...
Deposit	5.60	...	5.72	...
Fxd Int Inc	124.45	124.64	..	9.31
-do- Acc	166.60	166.90		
CITY FINANCIAL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD 1 White Hart Yard, London Bridge, SE1 071 407 5966				
City Fin Assets	61.82	65.07	..	2.26
Beckman Intl	83.15	87.76	-0.26	3.02
Friars Hse Inc	177.91	191.30	...	6.09
Friars Hse Cap	251.08	269.98	..	2.70
COMMERCIAL UNION TRUST MANAGERS Exchange Court, 3 Bedford Park, Croydon CR0 2AQ. Enquiries: 081 681 2222 Dealing: 081 686 9818				
Smaller Cos	36.27	38.58	+0.08	1.82
-do- Acc	40.86	43.47	+0.10	1.82
Quilter	123.14	131.00	-0.13	2.50
-do- Acc	136.76	145.49	+0.14	2.50
CU Prestige Fund Management				
Deposit	92.45	92.45	+0.02	5.02
-do- Acc	92.45	92.45	+0.02	5.02
Fixed Conv	41.08	43.70	-0.07	6.71
-do- Acc	108.49	115.42	+0.18	6.71
Equity Income	144.21	153.41	+0.30	3.66
-do- Acc	462.92	492.47	+0.97	3.66
PPT Europe	148.44	157.91	-1.96	1.07
PPT Mthly Inc Plus	47.59	50.63	-0.10	7.88
PPT Global Bond	85.56	90.94	-0.67	5.59
PPT Gold Com	60.38	64.23	+0.49	...
PPT Oriental Gth	55.43	58.97	-0.81	0.25
PPT Far East Gth	106.24	113.02	-0.85	0.12
PPT High Yield	116.20	123.62	+0.27	4.56
-do- Acc	447.03	475.56	+1.00	4.56
PPT Managed	61.47	65.39	-0.70	3.19
-do- Acc	75.07	79.86	-0.86	3.19
PPT UK General	68.44	72.81	-0.03	2.53
-do- Acc	83.06	88.36	-0.06	2.53
PPT Japan	118.85	126.44	+0.52	...
PPT N Amer	147.91	157.35	-2.40	0.08
PPT UK Gth	118.83	126.41	-0.32	2.02
PPT W'wide Gwth	57.02	60.98	-0.57	0.23
-do- Acc	59.39	63.52	-0.60	0.23
PPT Preference	47.62	50.66	-0.82	7.15
-do- Acc	248.67	264.54	+0.42	7.15
EAGLE STAR UNIT MANAGERS Bath Road, Cheltenham GL53 7LQ 0242 577 555				
Oriental Op Acc	82.49	87.75	-0.61	0.90
Japanese Acc	62.98	67.00	-0.01	...
UK Balncd Inc	127.40	135.50	+0.20	2.48
-do- Acc	150.20	159.80	+0.50	2.48
UK Growth Acc	207.70	221.00	-0.40	2.18
UK High Inc	133.10	141.60	-0.20	6.71
-do- Acc	161.10	171.40	-0.20	6.71
N America Acc	112.80	120.00	-1.20	.32
European Acc	155.00	164.90	-0.70	0.42
UK Pref F/I Inc	60.27	63.92	-0.04	8.84
-do- Acc	98.86	104.80	-0.10	8.84
Intl Sp Sits Acc	48.23	51.31	-0.21	0.22
Environmntl Opp	71.40	75.96	-0.06	1.73
EDINBURGH UNIT TRUST MANAGERS Donaldson House, 97 Haymarket Terrace, Edinburgh EH12 5HD. 031 313 1000				
American	111.80	118.80	-1.40	0.42
UK Smlr Cos	202.00	214.60	...	1.16
Eurofund	37.37	39.56	-0.28	1.01
Mngd Exempt	167.00	174.10	...	3.02
Growth Inc	216.00	229.50	+0.70	3.70
High Dist	141.70	150.60	...	5.15
International	322.50	342.70	...	0.95
Intl Income	80.76	86.21	-0.36	3.02
Pacific	58.69	62.36	-0.24	0.48
Smllr Jap Cos	72.67	77.21	-0.71	...
Tokyo	206.30	219.20	+1.00	...
Japan Exempt	117.10	120.30	+0.90	0.42

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Sm Jap Exempt	577.30	593.20	-9.20	0.08
Equity Income	121.20	128.80	...	3.96
Formerly Target				
Australia	6.716	7.131	-0.019	1.10
Euro Spec Sits	139.10	147.20	-0.90	0.55
Financial	41.25	43.83	-0.08	2.72
Global Opps Inc	89.13	94.70	-0.32	2.11
-do- Acc	92.39	98.16	-0.32	2.11
Gold Gen Inc	52.21	55.47	+0.49	0.77
-do- Acc	100.20	106.50	+1.00	0.77
Japan General	160.00	170.00	+0.10	...
Preference	22.02	23.40	...	7.76
UK Capital	104.10	110.60	+0.30	3.05
Worldwide Cap	198.20	210.60	-0.30	3.04
World Income	84.67	89.96	-0.71	3.30
ENDURANCE FUND MANAGEMENT 41 Harrington Gardens, London SW7 4JU 071 373 7261				
Endurance	177.60	188.90	...	0.00
EQUITABLE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD Walton St, Aylesbury, Bucks. HP21 7QW 0296 431480				
Pelican	106.16	111.75	+0.36	3.11
High Income	120.91	127.27	+0.36	4.64
Tst of Inv Tsts	149.47	157.34	+0.08	1.89
Special Sits	86.44	90.99	+0.15	2.36
North American	104.57	110.07	+0.95	0.84
Far Eastern	248.49	261.57	-1.89	1.59
Intl Growth	96.17	101.23	-0.84	1.27
European	62.96	66.27	-0.09	2.20
Smaller Cos	69.93	73.61	-0.21	2.11
FAMILY INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT LTD 16 West Street, Brighton, BN1 2RE 0273 220 707				
United Charities	222.70	236.90	+3.50	3.76
FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVICES LTD Oakhill House, 130 Tonbridge Rd, Tonbridge TN11 9DZ. 0800 414181				
Cash Unit Tst	100.00	100.00	...	5.30
European Tst	121.20	128.90	-0.50	...
High Income	25.82	27.17	-0.25	5.47
FOREIGN & COLONIAL 8th Floor, Exchange Hse, Primrose St, London EC2A 2NY. 071 628 8000				
European	92.44	97.83	-0.43	0.76
Far Eastern	137.10	146.70	-0.50	...
Oseas Income	87.88	93.98	-1.11	2.28
UK Growth	96.00	101.60	-0.10	0.95
UK Income	100.50	107.50	-0.30	3.23
US Smaller Cos	250.90	268.30	-1.80	0.08
FRAMLINGTON UNIT MANAGEMENT 155 Bishopsgate, London EC2M 3FT 071 374 4100				
Amer Gth	48.63	51.77	-0.71	..
-do- Acc	48.63	51.77	-0.71	..
Am Smllr Co	426.20	455.70	-4.80	...
-do- Acc	435.40	465.60	-4.90	...
Capital	292.40	311.40	-0.10	2.01
-do- Acc	407.20	433.10	-0.10	2.01
Contl Smllr Cos	47.02	50.57	-0.32	0.52
-do- Acc	49.15	52.87	-0.33	0.52
Convertible	115.00	122.30	+0.20	5.80
-do- Acc	218.30	232.20	+0.40	5.80
Emg Mark	52.60	56.19	-0.14	...
-do- Acc	52.60	56.19	-0.14	...
European	93.78	100.10	-0.50	1.03
-do- Acc	97.76	104.30	-0.60	1.03
Extra Income	297.90	316.80	-0.10	4.00
-do- Acc	417.10	443.60	-0.10	4.00
Financial	105.00	112.70	-1.20	0.63
-do- Acc	109.90	117.90	-1.30	0.63
Gilt Gth Tst	62.33	64.28	-0.31	6.82
-do- Acc	80.54	83.06	-0.40	6.82
Health Fund Inc	118.00	126.00	-0.30	..
-do- Acc	118.00	126.00	-0.30	...
Income Tst	180.60	192.10	-0.20	3.81
-do- Acc	256.00	272.30	-0.20	3.81
Intl Growth	317.90	339.80	-1.70	...
-do- Acc	353.00	377.30	-2.00	...
Japan Gen	180.70	193.00	+0.10	...
-do- Acc	182.50	194.90	+0.10	...
Mngd P folio Inc	91.03	96.82	-0.23	0.85
-do- Acc	95.67	100.70	-0.30	0.85
Monthly Income	154.40	164.20	+0.30	3.91
Qrtly Inc	49.56	52.71	...	5.78
-do- Acc	49.68	52.84	...	5.78
Recovery	293.90	314.20	-1.10	0.71
-do- Acc	344.20	368.00	-1.30	0.71
UK Growth	47.07	50.30	-0.02	2.57
-do- Acc	47.07	50.30	-0.02	2.57
FRIENDS PROVIDENT MANAGERS Castle Street, Salisbury, Wilts. SP1 3SH Dealing: 0722 411411 Administration: 0722 411622				
Equity Dist	348.45	370.69	-0.34	2.71
-do- Acc	711.52	756.94	-0.71	2.71
Euro Gth Dist	106.44	113.23	-0.18	0.91
-do- Acc	109.61	116.61	-0.18	0.91
Fixed Int Dist	131.38	138.97	-0.27	6.30
-do- Acc	222.19	235.02	-0.44	6.30
Intl Gth Dist	77.13	82.05	-0.42	0.75
-do- Acc	80.06	85.17	-0.44	0.75
Nth Amer Dist	169.91	179.99	-1.42	0.85
-do- Acc	184.26	195.19	-1.54	0.85
Pac Basin Dist	246.75	262.50	-1.45	0.10
-do- Acc	250.64	266.64	-1.48	0.10
Stewardship Dist	302.56	321.87	-0.23	1.74
-do- Acc	360.77	383.80	-0.27	1.74
Stwd Inc Dist	64.51	68.63	+0.04	3.12
-do- Acc	79.82	84.91	+0.05	3.12
N Am Stwd Dist	97.75	103.99	-0.94	...
-do- Acc	103.40	110.00	-1.00	...
GT UNIT MANAGERS Alban Gate, 14th Flr, 125 London Wall, Lond EC2Y 5AS. 071 710 4567. Dlirg: 071 626 9431				
Am Sp Sits	137.10	146.70	-2.30	...
European	409.10	434.00	-1.30	0.98
Far East General	226.90	242.70	+0.50	0.30
Germany	96.00	101.70	-0.40	0.45
Global Assets In	69.25	73.95	-0.24	2.18
Global Assets Ac	73.22	78.19	-0.25	2.13
Income Inc	125.60	134.40	+1.00	6.55
International	274.40	293.20	-1.00	0.95
Intl Income	76.32	81.19	-0.65	4.91
Japan General	375.30	398.90	-0.30	...
Smllr Cos Div	47.34	50.63	+0.31	6.00
UK Capital Inc	170.20	182.10	+0.90	3.79
-do- Acc	291.20	311.50	-1.60	3.60
Uk Spec Sits	79.04	84.54	+0.54	1.50
US General	117.20	124.80	-1.60	0.11
W wide Spec Sits	117.90	125.90	+0.10	0.11
GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS Gartmore House, 16/18 Monument Street, London EC3R 8AJ. 071 623 1212 Dealing: 0277 264421. Services: 0800 289 336				
UK Growth Funds				
British Growth	44.56	47.66	+0.04	1.43
Cash Trust	129.18	129.18	+0.01	5.02
Pract Inv Inc	104.56	112.13	-0.11	4.09
-do- Acc	224.47	240.72	-0.22	4.09
UK Smaller Cos	106.83	114.56	+0.35	0.83
Income Funds				
Preference Share	26.26	28.09	+0.03	8.26
High Inc	32.16	34.40	-0.26	4.77
UK Equity Inc	130.10	139.14	+0.57	3.87
Global Bond	29.74	30.81	-0.27	4.67
International Funds				
Gold Intl	86.70	92.98	-0.01	0.72
Frontier Markets	42.94	46.05	+0.33	0.48
Global Inc Gth	119.60	127.58	-1.06	1.93
UK Intl	117.85	126.04	-3.67	0.23
Overseas Funds				
American	129.04	137.73	-2.26	0.48

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
European	80.77	85.66	-0.70	0.63
Euro Sel Opps	95.37	101.93	-0.78	0.66
American Emerg	80.84	86.69	-1.15	...
Hong Kong	115.47	123.83	-1.95	2.01
Japan	228.51	242.61	+1.22	...
Pacific Growth	157.15	168.53	-2.36	0.39
GOVETT (JOHN) UNIT MANAGEMENT Shackleton House, 4 Battle Bridge Lane, London SE1 2HR. 071 378 7979 Dealing 071 588 0526				
Intl Growth	126.64	135.45	-0.77	0.37
American Gth	127.92	136.81	-1.24	...
European Gth	66.09	70.63	-0.36	0.42
Japan Gth	79.23	84.73	-0.07	...
Pacific Inc	141.83	151.70	-3.10	2.85
Pacific Strategy	124.56	133.22	-0.99	0.25
UK Prog Inc	72.23	76.17	+0.44	4.61
Ol British Cos	47.80	50.43	-0.21	2.70
UK Small Cos	45.11	48.24	-1.76	2.12
GRE UNIT MANAGERS 36 Harbour Exchange Sq, London E14 9GE 071 538 9668				
Cash	131.50	131.50	...	5.35
Gilt Fixed	122.60	130.20	-0.40	6.00
Growth Equity	289.60	309.40	-1.20	2.15
Guardhill	429.30	458.60	-2.10	2.20
Income Trust	109.50	116.90	-0.20	3.04
International	157.10	167.80	-1.10	0.36
Japan Trust	124.20	132.60	-0.10	...
Nth American	254.60	272.00	-2.90	0.48
Pacific	369.90	395.10	-5.60	...
European	337.80	360.80	-1.40	0.74
HALIFAX STANDARD TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD PO Box 600, Edinburgh EH15 1EW 0800 838848				
Global Adv Inc	35.40	37.53	-0.30	1.58
-do- Acc	37.05	39.28	-0.30	1.58
Inc Adv Inc	29.33	31.09	-0.10	4.01
-do- Acc	30.77	32.62	-0.10	4.01
HAMBROS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex Enquiries: 0277 227300 Dealing: 0277 690390				
Canadian	82.95	88.86	-0.41	1.16
Equity Income	113.00	120.20	+0.80	3.44
European	131.20	139.30	-0.30	1.21
Intl Situation	74.36	79.11	-0.42	...
Japanese	141.80	150.20	-0.70	...
North American	97.17	103.10	-0.20	...
Scandinavian	111.90	118.30	-0.20	0.01
Smaller Cos	31.33	33.33	-0.76	1.98
HENDERSON PO Box 2157, Kings House, 101-135 Kings Road, Brentwood, Essex CM14 4ET Enq: 0277 263290 Dealing: 0277 234772				
Amer Smaller	89.50	94.60	-1.00	...
Asian Enterprise	129.19	138.15	-1.09	0.74
Australian	135.33	144.66	-1.66	1.26
European	367.42	388.91	-1.22	1.31
European Inc	71.38	75.47	-0.03	2.71
Euro Sml Co	116.18	124.08	-0.95	0.62
Extra Income	258.83	275.54	+0.04	4.84
Family of Funds	71.14	75.96	-0.09	1.01
Fixed Interest	55.58	59.44	-0.02	7.89
Global Resour	109.45	117.10	+0.28	0.69
High Inc	291.92	312.06	+0.14	4.27
Income Gth	237.52	252.95	+1.23	3.60
-do- Acc	614.38	654.31	+3.18	3.60
International	229.37	244.52	-1.47	0.89
Japan Spc Sit	245.35	260.95	+0.97	...
Japan	210.20	223.45	-0.43	...
N Amer	221.91	236.14	-3.67	0.21
Pacific Smllr Cos	193.66	206.02	-1.43	0.25
Pref Gilt	46.41	49.89	+0.16	8.47
Smaller Cos Div	170.99	182.87	+1.41	3.88
Special Sits	264.57	283.08	+0.55	1.71
-do- Acc	407.67	436.20	+0.85	1.71
Best of British	55.54	59.48	...	2.56
Sprit of the East	60.69	64.92	-0.16	0.57
Henderson TR Dealing 071 410 4029				
American Gth	78.69	84.15	-1.07	...
Euro Spec Sits	45.70	48.71	-0.32	1.48
-do- Acc	48.39	51.58	-0.23	1.48
Far East Opps	32.23	34.48	-0.32	0.27
-do- Acc	33.27	35.59	-0.32	0.27
General Growth	99.35	106.35	-0.08	2.75
Global Tech	123.74	132.40	-1.20	...
Income Growth	103.57	110.76	+0.02	3.87
Income Monthly	57.11	61.07	+0.01	5.76
Japan Growth	83.42	88.79	+0.01	...
Overseas Gth	76.13	81.03	-0.52	1.22
Smaller Cos	74.76	79.99	-0.17	1.71
Special Opps	106.42	114.43	-0.63	1.34
Wld Spec Sits	49.99	53.67	-0.23	0.50
-do- Acc	50.10	53.79	-0.23	0.50
HILL SAMUEL UT MANAGERS NLA Tower Addiscombe Road, Croydon 081 686 4355				
British	87.84	93.94	+0.14	2.23
Capital	156.70	167.50	+0.90	1.88
Dollar	308.30	329.70	-4.30	0.03
European	198.40	212.10	..	0.63
Far East	240.40	257.10	-0.80	0.27
Financial	719.80	769.80	+9.30	1.91
Gilt Fxd Int Inc	26.20	27.22	...	7.64
High Yield	100.50	107.40	+0.10	4.56
Income	134.30	143.60	+0.10	3.43
Intl	216.30	231.30	-0.30	0.31
Japan Tech	71.95	76.95	-0.46	..
Nat Resources	61.13	65.37	-0.26	0.46
Security	300.60	321.40	+3.50	1.95
Smaller Cos	114.30	122.20	+2.90	1.22
Special Sits	141.00	150.70	+3.20	1.57
US Smaller Cos	68.87	73.65	+0.25	...
INVESCO UT MANAGERS 11 Devonshire Square, London EC2M 4YR 071 626 3434. Dealing: 0800 010733				
UK Specialist Trusts				
Smaller Cos	25.36	27.11	+0.01	1.53
Special Features	27.40	29.11	+0.04	1.60
-do- Acc	32.35	34.37	+0.05	1.60
General Funds				
UK Growth	53.03	56.73	-0.01	1.89
Assets Earnings	71.14	75.58	-0.01	1.88
do Acc	83.60	88.82	-0.01	1.89
Managed Invest	87.51	93.47	-0.46	1.18
Rupert Children	75.55	80.57	-0.01	1.80
High Income Funds				
Cashbox	50.76	50.76	...	4.30
Extra Inc	79.55	85.09	-0.01	4.78
Gilt	27.52	28.97	-0.13	6.81
Income Gth	38.82	41.43	-0.01	3.40
MIMstar	76.82	78.51	-0.05	7.82
Preference	17.67	18.77	+0.04	6.38
UK Income	310.10	331.40	+0.10	2.89
Senior Specialist Funds				
Fincl Sec	57.50	61.09	-0.03	1.24
Property Shares	63.30	68.21	+0.05	1.73
Exempt Funds				
Exempt	145.00	152.30	+0.20	3.67
European Acc	112.40	119.20	-0.80	1.76
European Dist	107.00	113.40	-0.90	1.76
Overseas Growth Funds				
American Gth	48.23	51.34	-0.72	0.91
European Perf	112.30	119.20	-0.60	1.01
-do- Acc	114.40	121.50	-0.60	1.01
Euro Small Cos	21.14	22.52	-0.11	0.74
French Growth	66.17	70.45	-0.52	0.52
-do- Acc	70.69	75.26	-0.54	0.52
Hong K/China	71.73	76.21	-0.83	1.63
Intl Growth	51.70	54.93	-0.44	0.64
-do- Acc	51.70	54.93	-0.44	0.64
Japan Perf	34.68	36.82	-0.26	...
Accum Units	34.68	36.82	-0.26	..
Japan Smllr Cos	38.36	40.79	+0.21	..
Singapore Asean	80.38	85.40	-1.42	0.29
-do- Acc	80.88	85.93	-1.42	0.29
South East Asia	232.40	246.90	-3.10	0.97

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US Smllr Cos	100.70	106.90	-1.00	...
-do- Acc	101.70	108.00	-1.10	...
Overseas Income Funds				
Global Inc	83.09	88.67	-0.58	2.20
Intl Bond	58.40	59.19	-0.21	6.15
KLEINWORT BENSON UNIT TRUST LTD 10 Fenchurch Street, London EC3 071 956 6600. Dealing: 071 956 7354				
Income Trusts				
Cash Acc	69.66	70.00	+0.01	5.04
Extra Income	51.72	55.02	+0.70	7.02
Gilt Yield	118.40	125.00	-0.10	7.23
Global Income	199.00	211.70	+2.02	4.14
High Yield	135.10	143.70	+1.90	5.76
Smllr Cos Div	48.51	51.61	+0.03	4.07
Capital Growth Trusts				
Amer Smllr Cos	90.99	96.80	-0.62	...
North American	76.12	80.98	-0.77	0.42
European	128.40	136.60	-0.70	1.64
Euro Special	75.20	80.00	+0.11	0.96
General	265.90	283.90	+2.40	3.15
Japan	438.00	466.00	-5.60	...
Japanese Special	246.40	262.10	-1.50	...
Master Acc	218.80	232.80	+2.50	1.33
Pacific	271.80	289.20	+4.00	0.56
Smaller Cos	102.50	109.00	+0.30	1.54
UK Equity Gth	36.40	38.72	+0.13	1.68
LAS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 113 Dundas St, Edinburgh EH3 5EB 031 550 5151				
European	73.08	77.74	-0.36	1.00
Extra Income	24.01	25.54	-0.23	3.29
Far East	27.58	29.34	+0.01	0.91
Income Gwth	73.18	77.85	-0.59	2.77
Intl Growth	51.72	55.02	-0.10	0.67
Japan	65.87	70.07	...	...
Maximum Dist*	100.10	102.10	-0.10	6.91
N Amer Equity	38.57	41.03	-0.43	0.28
UK Equity	86.68	92.18	-0.12	2.92
LAURENCE KEEN UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT 1 White Hart Yard, London SE1. 071 407 5966				
Income Gth Inc	53.30	56.70	+0.12	4.41
LEGAL & GENERAL UT MANAGERS 5 Rayleigh Road, Hutton, Brentwood Essex Enq: 0277 227300. Dealing: 0277 690395				
Equity Dist	425.50	452.70	-0.20	2.73
Equity Acc	807.80	859.40	+0.60	2.73
Equity Income	92.23	98.12	+0.18	4.74
European	95.60	101.70	-0.30	1.28
Far Eastern	185.40	197.20	+0.20	...
Fixed Interest	52.08	55.40	+0.12	6.30
Gilt	91.21	96.72	-0.22	6.36
Global Growth	67.18	71.47	+0.22	0.45
Intl Bond	56.86	60.48	-0.22	4.69
Japanese	72.45	77.07	-0.57	...
Overseas Equity	96.73	102.90	-0.50	0.05
Pacific Gth	86.29	91.80	-0.39	0.46
LLOYDS BANK UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD Mountbatten Hse, Chatham, Kent ME4 4JF 0634 834313				
Balanced	312.50	332.50	...	2.85
-do- Acc	686.30	730.20	...	2.85
Contl Euro Gth	50.11	52.75	-0.22	1.41
-do- Acc	53.00	55.79	-0.23	1.41
Extra Inc	239.20	254.50	+0.10	3.77
-do- Acc	591.60	629.40	+0.40	3.77
German Gth	97.33	102.50	-0.40	0.27
-do- Acc	102.10	107.50	-0.40	0.27
Growth Port	488.70	519.90	-0.40	0.29
-do- Acc	488.70	519.90	-0.40	0.29
Income	449.20	477.90	+0.60	3.48
-do- Acc	1152.0	1226.0	+1.00	3.48
Income Port	488.90	520.20	+0.20	4.33
-do- Acc	493.70	525.30	+0.20	4.33
Japan Growth	96.32	102.90	-0.30	0.01
-do- Acc	96.66	102.90	-0.20	0.01
Master Trust	51.54	54.83	-0.10	1.30
-do- Acc	56.73	60.36	-0.11	1.30
N American Gen	184.30	196.10	-4.20	0.01
-do- Acc	212.90	226.50	-4.80	0.01
NAm Sm Co Rec	140.50	149.50	+0.70	0.01
-do- Acc	143.40	152.60	-0.80	0.01
Pacific Basin	203.50	216.50	+1.50	0.62
-do- Acc	215.00	228.80	+1.50	0.62
Small Cos Rec	312.60	329.10	-0.20	2.24
-do- Acc	407.10	428.60	-0.20	2.24
UK Growth	79.11	84.16	+1.41	2.30
-do- Acc	92.34	98.13	+1.65	2.30
Worldwide Gth	279.70	297.60	+1.00	0.26
-do- Acc	412.50	438.90	+1.50	0.26
LONDON & MANCHESTER Winslade Park, Exeter EX5 1DS 0392 282673				
General	77.71	83.38	+0.02	2.80
Income	60.85	65.29	+0.05	5.30
International	56.58	60.71	-0.39	0.70
American	59.03	63.34	-0.55	0.30
Japan	54.18	58.13	-0.08	...
Tst of Inv Trusts	57.37	61.56	-0.06	1.80
M & G SECURITIES LTD Victoria Rd, Chelmsford CM1 1FB Customer Services/Unit Dealing: 0245 390390				
American Gen	386.10	408.30	-3.80	0.88
-do- Acc	476.40	503.80	-4.70	0.88
American Rec	410.00	433.60	-4.50	0.22
-do- Acc	469.80	496.80	-5.20	0.22
Am Sm Co Acc	120.50	127.50	-1.10	...
Australia Acc	158.00	167.00	-0.50	1.10
Capital	673.90	712.70	-2.80	2.38
-do- Acc	743.60	786.40	-3.10	2.38
Commodity Acc	434.10	459.20	+1.70	0.75
Compnd Gth	828.90	876.60	-2.10	2.85
Dividend	35.30	37.30	-0.10	4.14
-do- Acc	139.80	147.90	-0.40	4.14
Equity Inc	303.40	320.80	+0.40	4.63
European Div	59.80	63.20	...	4.20
-do- Acc	67.60	71.40	...	4.20
European Gen	379.30	401.10	-0.20	1.13
-do- Acc	476.50	503.80	-0.30	1.13
Extra Yield	378.10	399.80	-1.10	4.30
-do- Acc	1105.5	1169.1	-3.10	4.30
Far Eastern	298.50	315.70	-4.90	0.78
-do- Acc	392.60	415.20	-6.60	0.78
Fund of Inv	511.30	540.70	-1.10	2.12
-do- Acc	932.70	986.30	-2.00	2.12
General	53.40	56.50	-0.10	3.54
-do- Acc	142.70	151.10	-0.30	3.54
Gilt Fxd Int	63.43	62.50	-0.16	7.51
do Acc	150.94	157.11	-0.41	7.51
Gold	58.70	62.10	+0.70	0.70
-do- Acc	68.70	72.70	+0.90	0.70
High Inc	23.00	26.40	...	4.41
-do- Acc	94.60	99.90	-0.20	4.41
Intl Growth	68.20	72.10	-0.40	0.85
-do- Acc	117.60	124.30	-0.70	0.85
Intl Inc	93.70	99.10	-0.20	4.51
Japan Gen Acc	50.50	53.40	-0.30	...
Japan Smllr Cos	150.70	159.30	-1.10	...
Midland	55.80	59.00	...	3.19
-do- Acc	178.60	189.00	+0.20	3.19
Recovery	36.70	38.80	...	2.57
-do- Acc	58.40	61.70	-0.10	2.57
Second Gen	62.00	65.60	+0.10	3.36
-do- Acc	153.50	162.60	-0.30	3.36
Smaller Cos	61.00	64.50	+0.20	3.05
-do- Acc	115.60	122.20	+0.30	3.05
Trustee	39.30	41.60	...	3.82
Charifund 3	$112.73	...	-0.10	9.57
Charifund 2	637.40	643.80	-1.10	8.12
Pension ex I	841.30	862.40	-1.20	4.24
NAACIF Inc 3	$46.15	...	...	7.66
-do- Acc 3	$1117.4	...	-0.20	7.65

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MARKS & SPENCER UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD PO Box 410, Chester X, CH99 9QG 0244 680066				
Inv Port Inc	136.90	146.30	-0.20	1.98
-do- Acc	152.00	162.50	-0.20	1.98
UK Income	113.80	121.30	+0.17	2.61
-do- Acc	128.20	137.10	+0.17	2.61
MARTIN CURRIE UNIT TRUSTS LTD Saltire Court, 20 Castle Terrace, Edinburgh EH1 2ES. 031 229 5252				
Emerg Mkts	81.77	87.45	-0.87	0.78
Far East (Pacific)	135.80	144.10	-1.10	0.64
Income Growth	72.34	76.79	+0.14	3.42
European	66.49	70.38	-0.24	1.28
Nth American	94.50	99.97	-0.05	1.01
UK Growth	76.63	81.34	-0.23	1.59
Intl Growth	93.97	99.75	-0.75	0.65
Charities	107.90	114.50	...	3.84
Intl Income	67.89	72.07	-0.19	5.50
Japan	53.20	56.47	+0.22	...
MERCURY FUND MANAGERS LTD 33 King William St, EC4R 9AS. 071 280 2060				
American	189.00	200.80	...	...
-do- Acc	202.00	214.70	...	...
Cash	100.90	100.90	...	5.50
-do- Acc	129.80	129.80	...	5.50
European Gth	190.00	201.70	...	0.79
-do- Acc	203.40	215.80	...	0.79
General	462.90	493.80	...	2.45
-do- Acc	880.50	939.30	...	2.45
Global Dist	132.30	139.10	...	5.25
-do- Acc	148.10	155.70	...	5.25
Income	135.90	145.00	...	4.70
-do- Acc	200.30	213.70	...	4.70
International	387.20	412.70	...	0.68
-do- Acc	514.90	548.80	...	0.68
Japan	183.60	194.70	...	...
-do- Acc	188.50	200.00	...	...
New Europe	138.20	147.50	...	1.76
-do- Acc	140.50	149.90	...	1.76
Recovery	293.50	313.10	...	2.87
-do- Acc	370.70	395.50	...	2.87
European Inc	72.73	77.31	...	3.15
-do- Acc	93.99	99.80	...	3.15
Brit Blue Chip	72.19	76.84	...	3.28
-do- Acc	85.14	90.63	...	3.28
Portfolio	73.87	78.58	...	2.88
-do- Acc	83.99	89.31	...	2.88
Gold General	131.30	141.20	...	0.66
-do- Acc	134.10	144.20	...	0.66
Pacific	92.46	98.43	...	0.85
-do- Acc	98.35	104.80	...	0.85
UK Smaller Cos	53.03	56.57	...	1.92
-do- Acc	59.18	63.13	...	1.92
MIDLAND UNIT TRUSTS LTD 192 Eyre Street, Sheffield, S1 3RD Dealing: 0742 520 280 Enquiries: 0742 529 076				
Balanced Dist	57.24	61.22	+0.04	2.89
-do- Acc	58.12	62.16	+0.04	2.89
British Dist	76.31	81.62	+0.04	2.09
-do- Acc	86.38	92.39	+0.04	2.09
European Gth	167.20	178.60	-1.60	0.25
-do- Acc	209.90	224.30	-2.00	0.25
Extra High Inc	68.72	73.50	-0.02	6.34
-do- Acc	120.90	129.30	...	6.24
FT-SE 100 Index	48.45	51.82	...	2.69
-do- Acc	48.45	51.82	...	2.63
Gilt Fixed Int	55.87	58.16	-0.12	6.94
-do- Acc	149.10	155.30	-0.30	6.94
High Yield	215.10	230.10	...	4.77
-do- Acc	505.00	540.10	-0.10	4.77
Income	278.10	297.40	+0.40	3.36
-do- Acc	578.00	618.20	+0.70	3.36
Japan Gth	339.60	363.20	+0.60	...
-do- Acc	358.40	383.30	+0.60	...
Mandarin Acc	97.16	103.90	-2.00	0.48
North American	163.40	174.80	-2.00	0.25
-do- Acc	206.20	220.50	-2.60	0.25
MORGAN GRENFELL INVESTMENT FUNDS LTD 20 Finsbury Circus, London EC2M 1UT Dealing: 071 826 0826 Enquiries: 071 826 0123				
American Gth	265.70	282.70	-3.50	...
Deposit Inc	100.10	100.10	+0.01	5.84
Deposit Acc	122.81	122.81	+0.02	5.84
Euro Gth Acc	276.40	295.70	+0.30	...
Europa	121.80	130.80	-0.40	...
Intl Gth	169.10	180.90	-1.10	...
Japan Tracker	77.47	82.08	+0.24	...
UK Equity Inc	148.20	159.30	+0.30	4.13
-do- Acc	181.70	195.40	+0.40	4.13
UK Ind Tracker	142.90	152.90	-0.10	3.14
US Eq Ind Trkr	191.40	203.00	-2.30	1.44
-do- Acc	202.50	214.80	-2.40	1.44
Asian Trader	156.40	169.30	-1.70	0.47
MURRAY JOHNSTONE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT 7 West Nile St, Glasgow G2 2PX. 0345 090 933				
American Inc	166.50	170.50	-1.30	2.28
European	59.48	60.74	-0.21	1.51
Olympiad	54.34	55.73	-0.29	0.36
Global Bond	47.66	48.18	-0.28	6.49
Smaller Cos	67.16	70.16	+0.10	1.00
Equity Income	91.10	93.59	-0.22	5.11
UK Growth	83.11	85.62	-0.04	1.90
NM UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD The Bilsom Centre, North Harbour, Portsmouth. Enquiries: 0705 372222 Dealing: 0705 387730				
American Acc	46.47	49.56	-0.32	0.99
Australian Acc	288.10	309.10	-1.00	...
Conscience	63.05	67.28	+0.13	1.06
-do- Acc	68.04	72.61	+0.14	1.06
European	165.20	176.10	-0.90	1.10
-do- Acc	177.70	189.50	-1.00	1.10
Extra Income	72.10	76.94	...	5.77
-do- Acc	109.90	117.20	...	5.77
Far East Gth	165.40	176.80	+1.30	0.07
Gilt Fxd Inc	58.71	62.13	-0.08	6.24
Gold	46.58	50.08	+0.77	...
-do- Acc	50.16	53.93	+0.83	...
Income	51.83	55.28	+0.56	5.08
-do- Acc	158.60	169.10	+1.70	5.08
International	28.18	31.30	-0.16	1.05
-do- Acc	41.92	44.97	-0.24	1.05
Jap Sm Cos Acc	347.10	370.20	+3.40	...
S pore Mly Acc	183.80	197.10	-2.20	...
Smllr Cos Acc	25.28	27.18	-0.39	2.02
Special Sits	32.41	34.84	+0.15	1.78
-do- Acc	37.33	40.13	+0.18	1.78
Tokyo	86.36	92.11	+0.48	..
-do- Acc	87.23	93.04	+0.49	...
N&P UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 35 Fountain St, Manchester M2 2AF 061 237 5322				
N&P UK Growth	68.08	72.43	+0.21	2.64
N&P Gilt Fxd Int	75.12	79.30	+0.01	5.99
N&P Higher Inc	193.00	205.40	+0.30	4.67
N&P UK Income	100.15	106.55	+0.12	3.40
N&P Intl	86.91	92.46	-0.44	1.67
N&P Smaller Cos	75.96	80.81	+0.02	1.52
NEWTON FUND MANAGERS 2 London Bridge, London SE1 9RA 071 407 4404				
General	163.78	174.24	-0.31	2.33
Global	287.88	306.26	-1.83	1.14
Growth	107.97	114.87	-0.04	2.55
Income	201.57	214.44	+0.08	4.40
Intl Bond	129.50	137.51	+0.15	6.49
PEARL UNIT TRUST LTD PO Box 500, Peterborough PE2 6BR 0733 470470. Dealing: 0800 626577				
Growth	135.90	143.00	-0.10	2.58
-do- Acc	240.80	253.40	-0.30	2.58
Income	218.20	232.10	-0.10	3.55

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Intl Equity	221.30	235.40	-1.10	0.88
-do- Acc	242.20	257.70	-1.20	0.88
Equity	219.80	227.40	-0.10	2.46
-do- Acc	428.30	466.20	-0.30	2.46
UK Intl 25 Acc	69.01	73.41	-0.11	1.96
UK Income	60.51	64.37	+0.03	3.05
UK Smllr Co Acc	75.66	79.86	-0.01	1.41
New Europe Acc	60.57	64.43	-0.54	1.37
PERPETUAL UNIT TRUST 48 Hart Street, Henley on Thames 0491 417000				
Asian Smllr Mkt	93.15	99.63	+0.12	0.23
PEP Gth Inc	100.77	107.78	-0.64	1.36
Intl Gth	485.80	519.58	-3.50	0.76
Income	303.88	325.01	-1.43	3.29
W wide Recov	308.92	330.40	+1.33	0.41
American Gth	207.28	221.70	+3.32	0.01
Intl Emerg Cos	183.67	196.66	-0.62	0.14
Far East Gth	216.41	231.46	-1.29	0.15
European Gth	110.57	118.26	+0.19	1.32
UK Growth	77.26	82.64	+0.28	2.83
High Income	84.14	89.99	+0.30	4.39
Japanese Gth	216.95	231.02	-1.57	0.01
PROLIFIC UNIT TRUST MANAGERS Walbrook Hse, 23 Walbrook, London EC4N 8LD. Dealing: 0800 282443				
International	175.60	186.80	+1.90	0.78
High Income	109.10	116.00	+1.40	3.66
Conv Gilt	112.60	119.80	-3.80	6.18
Far East	310.20	330.00	+5.60	0.28
Global Inc Acc	31.34	33.34	-0.14	5.68
PROSPERITY UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT 1 Sessions Hse Sq, Maidstone, Kent ME14 1XX. 0622 674751				
American	49.79	52.97	-1.16	0.21
Emerging Mkts	63.54	67.60	-0.25	0.56
General	47.01	50.01	...	3.21
International	82.81	88.10	-0.54	1.37
Gilt Units	26.32	27.13	-0.07	7.33
Global PEP	34.50	36.70	-0.26	3.11
Income Gth	64.56	68.68	+0.08	4.77
European	41.94	44.62	-0.42	0.66
Gilt/Fixed Int	25.59	27.22	...	5.79
PRUDENTIAL UNIT TRUSTS LTD 51/69 Ilford Hill, Ilford, Essex IG1 2DL 081 478 3377. Enquiries: 071 911 4490 Intermediary Dealing: 071 911 4344 Priceline: 0426 925991				
Pru Mngd Tst	31.12	33.28	-0.13	1.80
Pru Csh Hvn Inc	101.39	101.39	+0.01	5.29
-do- Acc	105.52	105.52	+0.01	5.29
Pru Equity	653.15	698.55	+0.03	2.59
Pru Equity Inc	77.45	82.83	-0.01	4.74
Pru European	171.21	183.17	-1.08	1.24
Pru Global Gth	79.28	84.79	-0.28	1.22
Pru High Inc	83.07	88.84	+0.03	4.94
Pru Intl	161.04	172.23	-1.07	1.04
Pru Intl Sm Co	68.99	73.78	-0.47	0.72
Pru Japanese	201.33	215.32	+0.32	...
Pru Nth Amer	139.77	149.48	-2.27	0.86
Pru Pacific Mkt	76.18	81.47	-0.67	1.34
Pru Premr Inc	49.68	51.74	-0.05	6.08
Pru Smllr Cos	82.47	88.20	-0.16	2.04
Pru Spec Sits	96.44	103.14	-0.01	2.46
Pru UK Grwth	109.29	116.88	+0.06	2.48
ROTHSCHILD FUND MANAGEMENT St Swithin's Lane, London EC4N 8NR Dealing: 071 634 2931/4				
NC Income	151.64	163.42	+0.09	3.59
NC Japan	273.39	292.89	+0.17	...
NC Maj UK Cos	91.16	98.02	+0.02	2.53
NC America Inc	485.08	520.81	-3.86	0.73
-do- Acc	563.42	604.93	-4.47	0.73
NC Smllr UK Cos	268.72	282.72	+1.77	1.49
NC European	246.75	263.50	-1.79	1.42
SAVE & PROSPER GROUP 16-22 Western Rd, Romford RM1 3LB 0708 766966 or 0800 929929 (IFAs only)				
Amer Inc Gth	71.54	76.10	-0.88	3.73
Capital Units	143.40	152.50	-0.80	1.29
Commodity	108.50	115.40	-0.20	1.13
European Gth	154.40	164.20	-0.90	1.30
Financial Sec	174.20	185.30	-1.20	1.82
High Return	215.30	229.00	-0.20	4.42
High Yield	203.00	215.90	-0.20	4.04
Income Units	108.40	115.30	-0.10	4.94
Investment	178.10	189.40	-0.40	1.26
Japan Gth	155.10	165.00	-0.60	...
Japan Smaller	182.80	194.40	-0.40	...
Masterfund	46.80	49.78	+0.34	1.28
Scotbits	255.60	271.90	-1.80	1.52
Scotshares	258.30	274.70	-0.10	2.34
Scotyields	223.10	237.30	-0.40	3.79
Select Intl	128.00	136.10	-0.80	0.41
Smaller Cos	229.50	244.10	+0.30	3.86
Special Situation	110.30	117.30	+0.10	0.82
UK Equity	223.70	237.90	-0.50	2.66
US Growth	138.00	146.80	-1.20	0.36
SCHRODER UNIT TRUSTS LTD 33 Gutter Lane, London EC2V 8AS. Client line: 0800 526 535. Broker line: 0800 526 540				
American	234.08	249.66	+1.46	0.50
-do- Acc	253.61	270.52	+1.59	0.50
Australian	122.60	130.77	-0.06	0.92
-do- Acc	144.13	153.74	-0.07	0.92
UK Enterprise	215.27	229.62	+0.68	2.31
-do- Acc	248.68	265.25	+0.78	2.31
European Gth	60.46	64.29	-0.32	1.51
-do- Acc	62.80	66.77	-0.33	1.51
Euro Smllr Cos	54.41	58.01	-0.34	0.44
-do- Acc	54.78	58.41	-0.34	0.44
Far Eastern Gth	70.17	74.84	-0.74	...
-do- Acc	71.30	76.05	-0.75	...
Fixed Interest	53.91	56.85	-0.03	6.80
-do- Acc	65.46	69.04	-0.03	6.80
Gilt Income	104.01	109.60	-0.07	7.50
-do- Acc	145.26	153.08	-0.09	7.50
Income	316.26	336.27	-0.86	3.87
-do- Acc	929.91	991.91	+2.54	3.87
Japan Enterprise	69.21	73.82	+0.45	...
-do- Acc	69.21	73.82	+0.45	...
Japan Smllr Cos	478.60	510.50	+0.93	...
-do- Acc	479.56	511.53	+0.94	...
Pacific Gth	94.75	101.06	-0.88	0.07
-do- Acc	97.56	104.06	-0.91	0.07
Smaller Cos	189.00	201.60	+0.40	0.89
-do- Acc	218.40	232.95	+0.45	0.89
Tokyo	109.01	116.27	+0.47	...
-do- Acc	110.11	117.44	+0.47	...
UK Equity	210.74	224.78	+0.39	2.62
-do- Acc	390.26	416.26	+0.71	2.62
US Smllr Cos	133.79	142.70	-0.95	...
-do- Acc	133.79	142.70	-0.95	...
World Fd	70.87	75.59	-0.06	1.45
-do- Acc	74.72	79.70	-0.06	1.45
SCOTTISH AMICABLE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD 150 St Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5NQ 041 204 2200				
Equity Income	46.65	49.68	-0.17	3.72
Equity Strategy	63.61	67.74	-0.16	1.04
European Opps	70.11	74.67	-0.34	3.22
Maximum Inc	99.44	102.01	+0.03	5.38
UK Smaller Cos	53.79	57.28	-0.20	2.33
SCOTTISH LIFE INVESTMENTS 19 St Andrew Sq, Edinburgh. 031 225 2211				
UK Equity	342.10	365.60	+0.10	2.76
American	244.20	259.20	-3.80	0.93
Pacific	331.10	354.10	-1.70	0.62
European	441.20	471.90	-3.30	1.25
Worldwide	79.16	84.66	-0.19	1.14
SCOTTISH MUTUAL INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT 109 St Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5HN 041 248 6100				
UK Equity	301.30	320.60	-0.10	2.70

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
UK Sm Cos Eqty	209.00	222.40	+0.60	1.67
European	325.80	346.70	-0.80	1.79
North American	253.90	272.20	-3.40	0.62
Income Plus Inc	66.15	70.41	-2.12	[illegible]
UK Spec Sits	67.00	[illegible]	-2.14	2.79
SCOTTISH PROVIDENT INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT LTD 6 St Andrew Sq, Edinburgh EH2 2YA 031 558 2341/2/3				
Equity Gth Acc	25.54	27.34		2.65
Intl Growth Acc	29.35	31.31	-0.10	0.95
Market Ldrs Acc	26.11	27.95	-0.02	2.91
FOR SGTR TRUSTS SEE HENDERSON				
SINGER & FRIEDLANDER INVESTMENT FUNDS LTD 21 New Street, Bishopsgate, London EC2M 2HR 071 626 6226				
European	297.97	...	+0.18	...
Global Bond	239.41	...	+0.04	7.50
Japan Smaller	295.25	...	+0.44	...
UK Growth	198.15	...	+0.45	4.02
STANDARD LIFE TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 3 George St, Edinburgh EH2 2XZ 0800 393777				
Managed	44.11	46.87	-0.30	1.64
Equity Gth Acc	60.25	64.02	...	1.45
UK Eq General	41.70	44.31	-0.10	2.23
-do- Acc	55.06	58.51	-0.20	2.23
European Acc	40.99	43.56	-0.20	1.18
Far East Acc	55.36	58.82	-1.30	0.21
Gilt Fxd Int Inc	30.86	32.64	-0.10	6.40
N American Acc	43.09	45.79	-0.50	0.80
O/s Lgr Cos Acc	277.70	301.40	-5.20	1.43
UK Eq High Inc	34.92	37.11	-0.10	3.85
-do- Acc	41.47	44.07	-0.10	3.85
UK Lgr Cos Inc	288.80	313.40	-0.80	3.76
UK Lgr Cos Acc	376.10	408.10	-1.00	3.76
STATE STREET UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD Birchin Court, 20 Birchin Lane, London EC3V 9AQ. 071 626 1977				
Global A	N283.62	N283.95	-0.02	1.20
US Eq	$2.079	$2.208	+0.017	0.80
Far East Eq	Y233.2	Y247.7	+0.70	...
Japan Eq	Y241.4	Y256.4	+6.80	...
FT Europe	111.20	118.10	-1.20	2.19
FT North Am	$1.725	$1.829	+0.012	1.09
FT Japan	Y235.3	Y250.0	+2.40	...
FT Asia Ex Jap	$1.862	$1.977	-0.009	1.69
STEWART IVORY UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 45 Charlotte Sq, Edinburgh 031 226 3271				
American	336.70	358.80	-3.10	0.32
British	938.70	993.10	-0.40	4.15
European	387.30	411.80	-3.40	1.41
Japan	146.90	155.90	+0.60	...
New Pacific	293.90	313.00	-2.50	1.29
Mngd Cash	96.22	96.22	+0.01	5.04
Majority Stg	103.42	101.42	+0.01	4.77
Inv Tst	190.40	201.80	-0.50	1.77
Saints PPP	380.40	400.50	...	...
SUN ALLIANCE Admin. 5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Essex 0277 227300 Dealing: 0277 690390				
Equity Acc	723.20	773.50	+0.30	3.05
N America Acc	115.20	123.20	-1.10	0.28
Far East Acc	122.90	131.40	-0.20	0.03
W wide Bond	61.07	64.83	-0.33	5.32
European	81.98	87.68	-0.33	0.60
Equity Income	80.67	86.29	-0.21	4.20
SUN LIFE OF CANADA Basingview, Basingstoke, Hants RG21 2DZ Dealing: 0256 841414				
American Gth	34.11	36.49	-0.34	0.52
Managed Assets	118.67	126.93	-0.27	3.19
UK Income	36.02	38.53	-0.07	3.06
UK Growth	36.10	38.61	-0.06	2.30
Worldwide Gth	30.93	33.09	-0.14	0.39
TSB UNIT TRUSTS LTD Charlton Place, Andover, Hants. SP10 1RE 0264 346794				
American	208.15	221.44	-2.92	0.10
-do- Acc	228.63	243.22	-3.20	0.10
British Gth	85.81	91.29	+0.59	1.57
-do- Acc	100.97	107.41	+0.69	1.87
European	91.46	97.30	+0.76	1.08
-do- Acc	96.47	102.63	+0.80	1.08
Extra Inc	185.72	197.57	-0.22	4.01
-do- Acc	296.27	315.18	+0.35	4.01
General Unit	265.79	282.75	+1.85	2.33
-do- Acc	524.44	557.92	+3.64	2.33
Income	319.30	339.68	+0.42	3.55
-do- Acc	663.53	705.88	+0.88	3.55
International	486.36	517.40	-0.66	0.46
-do- Acc	636.69	677.33	-0.86	0.46
Pacific	343.81	365.75	-1.56	...
-do- Acc	361.16	384.21	-1.64	...
Premier Income	51.18	53.31	-0.05	6.31
-do- Acc	106.68	111.13	-0.12	6.31
Nat Resources	129.88	138.17	+0.88	0.16
-do- Acc	142.54	151.64	+0.97	0.16
Selected Opps	98.72	105.02	+0.04	1.14
-do- Acc	123.59	131.48	+0.05	1.14
THORNTON UNIT MANAGERS LTD Swan House, 33 Queen St, London EC4R 1AX 071 493 7262 Dealing: 071 493 8545				
Amer Sml Cos	76.57	81.46	-1.07	...
-do- Acc	78.76	84.01	-1.12	...
European Opps	59.90	63.77	-0.55	0.46
-do- Acc	60.53	64.43	-0.57	0.46
Far East Opps	150.11	160.11	-0.69	..
-do- Acc	153.61	163.85	-0.70	..
Japan	86.71	92.31	+0.44	...
-do- Acc	86.71	92.31	+0.44	...
Little Dragons	73.01	77.87	-0.98	0.64
-do- Acc	75.15	80.16	-0.99	0.64
Oriental Income	43.65	46.56	-0.07	3.42
-do- Acc	55.65	59.36	-0.09	3.42
Tiger	211.42	225.51	-1.91	1.17
-do- Acc	222.11	236.91	-2.02	1.17
UK Small Cos	76.38	81.68	+0.05	1.95
-do- Acc	89.11	95.30	+0.05	1.95
WAVERLEY UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 13 Charlotte Sq, Edinburgh EH2 4DJ 031 225 1551				
Australasian Gold	17.72	18.85	+0.10	0.50
Pacific Basin	31.32	33.31	-0.14	0.60
Canadian Gth	36.40	38.72	-0.71	..
Global Bond	$0.965	$1.005	-0.003	7.21
Penny Share	24.12	25.65	+0.02	1.50
WHITTINGDALE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 2 Honey Lane, London EC2V 8BT 071 606 3132				
City Reserve	52.92	52.92	...	5.40
Gilt Growth	67.47	70.32	-0.15	...
Gilt Income	51.94	54.05	-0.11	7.50
Short Dtd Gilt	107.70	109.10	...	...
US Govmnt Bd	$0.716	$0.725	-0.000	...
Challenger	93.66	95.84	-0.66	...
WOOLWICH UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD 2 White Oak Square, Swanley BR8 7AG 081 298 4000				
Stockmarket Fd	68.49	72.86	-0.19	1.94

Source: Finstat

* Yield expressed as CAR (Compound Annual Return); † Ex dividend; ‡ Middle price; ... No significant data.

FT-SE VOLUMES

ASDA Gp	7,700	Cadbury	604	MB Cardn	620	Scot Power	403
Abbey Natl	2,100	Carlton Cm	644	Marks Spr	1,800	Sears	2,700
Alld-Lyons	4,200	Coats Vly	1,300	NFC	69	Svrn Trent	1,600
Anglian W	779	Cm Union	1,000	NatWst Bk	1,200	Shell Trans	2,500
Argyll Gp	1,900	Courtaulds	1,600	Nat Power	2,100	Siebe	378
Arjo Wiggn	1,500	De La Rue	248	Nth Wst W	288	SmKl Bch	2,800
AB Foods	33	Enterpr Oil	161	Nthrn Fds	2,500	Smith Nph	1,000
BAA	606	Forte	2,400	P & O	316	Std Chartd	643
BAT Inds	4,600	GRE	1,900	Pearson	374	Sun Allnce	1,600
BOC	917	GUS A	461	PowerGen	648	TI Gp	826
BP	3,000	Gen Acc	2,200	Prudential	2,900	TSB	3,600
BT	3,400	Gen Elec	3,400	RMC	586	Tate & Lyle	2,400
BTR	5,200	Glaxo	2,700	RTZ	1,000	Tesco	5,900
Bk of Scot	2,600	Granada	2,700	Rank Org	145	Thames W	1,000
Barclays	2,400	Grand Met	2,500	Reckitt Col	515	Thrn EMI	963
Bass	1,800	Guinness	2,100	Redland	1,500	Tomkins	2,500
Blue Circle	1,600	HSBC	4,700	Reed Intl	1,100	Unilever	407
Boots	1,900	Hanson	24,000	Rentokil	2,400	Utd Bisc	530
Bowater	1,100	ICI	1,700	Reuters	354	Vodafone	1,600
Brit Aero	537	Inchcape	879	Rothmans	1,100	Warburg (SG)	253
Brit Airwys	3,000	Kingfisher	1,500	Ryl Ins	2,000	Wellcome	1,000
Brit Gas	7,700	Ladbroke	2,900	Ryl Bk Scot	1,900	Whitbd 'A'	738
Brit Steel	6,000	Land Secs	2,100	Sainsbury	1,400	Wlms Hld	201
Burmah Cast	215	Legal & Gn	1,200	Scot Hydro	928	Wolseley	353
Cable Wire	2,300	Lloyds Bk	2,700	Scot & New	484	Zeneca	5,600

MAJOR INDICES

New York (midday):
Dow Jones .... 3516.36 (-2.49)
S&P Composite .... 450.67 (-0.02)

Tokyo:
Nikkei Av'ge .... 19590.00 (+46.58)

Hong Kong:
Hang Seng .... 7099.28 (-8.19)

Amsterdam:
CBS Tendency .... 112.5 (+0.3)

Sydney: AO .... 1738.1 (+19.6)

Frankfurt:
DAX .... 1697.63 (-10.70)

FT 30 share: .... 2271.1 (+7.9)

Brussels:
General .... 6534.40 (+14.59)

Paris: CAC .... 538.42 (+1.37)

Zurich: SKA Gen .... 530.8 (-0.1)

London:
FT A All-Share .... 1432.31 (+5.54)
FT 500 .... 1546.91 (-4.25)
FT Gold Mines .... 208.8 (+6.9)
FT Fixed Interest .... 115.24 (+0.10)
FT Govt Secs .... 97.22 (+0.09)
Bargains 28598
SEAQ Volume 550.4m
USM (Datastrm) .... 139.71 (+0.25)

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

First Dealings	Last Dealings	Last Declaration	For Settlement
June 28	July 9	September 30	October 11

Call options were taken out on 30/6/93: ACT Group, Culver, Division, Ferranti Intl, Flextech, Medeva, Millwall, Owners Abroad, Premier Cons Oil, Ratners, Scot IT, Waverley Mining, Wilshaw.
Put: Owners Abroad. Put & Call: Division.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume
FT-SE 100	Sep 93	2908.0	2922.0	2900.0	2917.0	8869
Previous open interest: 43749	Dec 93				2935.5	0
Three Month Sterling	Sep 93	94.16	94.24	94.16	94.23	26335
Previous open interest: 302996	Dec 93	94.34	94.41	94.34	94.41	12992
	Mar 94	94.25	94.33	94.25	94.32	4235
Three Mth Eurodollar	Sep 93	96.58	96.58	96.56	96.56	687
Previous open interest: 13033	Dec 93	96.19	96.20	96.17	96.18	410
Three Mth Euro DM	Sep 93	93.22	93.24	93.18	93.24	44852
Previous open interest: 590098	Dec 93	93.96	93.99	93.92	93.99	23994
Long Gilt	Sep 93	106-30	107-15	106-10	107-12	80536
Previous open interest: 79305	Dec 93	106-16	106-16	106-16	106-20	6
Japanese Govmt Bond	Sep 93	108.70	108.88	108.66	108.82	3699
	Dec 93				107.87	0
German Gov Bd Bund	Sep 93	95.80	95.90	95.64	95.84	58054
Previous open interest: 168831	Dec 93	95.92	95.94	95.84	95.96	1288
German Gov Bd Bobl	Sep 93	99.56	99.64	99.44	99.63	2291
Previous open interest: 20646	Dec 93				99.850	
Three month ECU	Sep 93	93.56	93.60	93.50	93.59	1825
Previous open interest: 25210	Dec 93	94.05	94.08	93.98	94.08	1046
Euro Swiss Franc	Sep 93	95.52	95.55	95.48	95.50	4576
Previous open interest: 36180	Dec 93	95.78	95.80	95.73	95.73	794
Italian Govmt Bond	Sep 93	102.63	103.20	102.50	103.07	19847
Previous open interest: 51687	Dec 93	102.40	102.76	102.38	102.73	139

MONEY MARKETS

Exchange index compared with 1985 was down at 80.6 (day's range 80.6-80.8).

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for June 30	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	2.8466-2.8653	2.8466-2.8501	⅛-⅜ds	⅜-¾ds
Brussels	51.80-52.49	51.80-51.86	2-6ds	7-12ds
Copenhagen	9.7600-9.8350	9.7600-9.7830	1⅞-2⅝ds	1½-5⅝ds
Dublin	1.0412-1.0435	1.0414-1.0433	5-9ds	13-20ds
Frankfurt	2.5404-2.5531	2.5404-2.5437	⅜-¾ds	1-1¼ds
Lisbon	241.42-243.21	241.42-241.89	117-129ds	318-346ds
Madrid	193.70-195.16	193.70-193.99	87-105ds	233-267ds
Milan	2299.20-2324.00	2299.20-2305.30	7-9ds	22-26ds
Montreal	1.9145-1.9359	1.9145-1.9167	0.28-0.17pr	0.53-0.33pr
New York	1.4935-1.5120	1.4935-1.4945	0.37-0.35pr	1.03-1.00pr
Oslo	10.7380-10.8110	10.7380-10.7610	¼-¾ds	⅛-1¼ds
Paris	8.5750-8.6180	8.5750-8.5890	1-1⅜ds	2⅛-2⅞ds
Stockholm	11.5290-11.6020	11.5290-11.5530	2¼-3⅜ds	6-7¾ds
Tokyo	159.20-161.19	159.20-159.47	⅜-⅜pr	1⅛-1pr
Vienna	17.74-17.98	17.74-17.77	1-2ds	2⅞-4⅞ds
Zurich	2.2514-2.2658	2.2514-2.2545	¼pr-par	⅜-⅜pr

Source: Extel — *Premium - pr. Discount - ds.*

OTHER STERLING

Argentina peso*	1.5063-1.5089
Australia dollar	2.2640-2.2673
Bahrain dinar	0.562-0.574
Brazil cruzeiro *	81940.9-82053.4
Cyprus pound	0.7465-0.7565
Finland marka	8.5455-8.6030
Greece drachma	343.5-350.5
Hong Kong dollar	11.684-11.695
India rupee	46.78-47.74
Kuwait dinar KD	0.4495-0.4595
Malaysia ringgit	3.8743-3.8800
Mexico peso	4.65-4.75
New Zealand dollar	2.8048-2.8120
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.5895-5.7155
Singapore dollar	2.4445-2.4478
S Africa rand (fin)	7.0617-7.1116
S Africa rand (com)	5.0045-5.0174
U A E dirham	5.473-5.597

*Barclays Bank GTS * Lloyds Bank*

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Australia	1.5003-1.5015
Austria	11.90-11.91
Belgium (Com)	34.69-34.70
Canada	1.2802-1.2807
Denmark	6.498-6.508
France	5.6925-5.6975
Germany	1.689-1.690
Hong Kong	7.743-7.745
Ireland	1.4416-1.4426
Italy	1534.0-1537.0
Japan	105.45-105.55
Malaysia	2.5675-2.5695
Netherlands	1.894-1.895
Norway	7.145-7.155
Portugal	160.8-161.0
Singapore	1.620-1.621
Spain	129.1-129.2
Sweden	7.689-7.699
Switzerland	1.4952-1.4962

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 6 Finance Hse 6½
Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 7 Low 5½ Week fixed: 6¼
Treasury Bills (Dis): Buy: 2 mth 5⁹⁄₁₆; 3 mth 5½. Sell: 2 mth 5½; 3 mth: 5⁷⁄₁₆.

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis):	5¹¹⁄₁₆-5⅝	5²¹⁄₃₂-5¹⁹⁄₃₂	5⅝-5⁹⁄₁₆	5¹⁹⁄₃₂-5¹⁷⁄₃₂	
Sterling Money Rates:	6⅛-5¹³⁄₁₆	6⅛-5¹³⁄₁₆	6⅛-5¹³⁄₁₆	6-5⅞	6-5⅞
Interbank:	6⅛-5¹¹⁄₁₆	6⅛-5¹³⁄₁₆	6⅛-5¹³⁄₁₆	6-5⅞	6-5⅞
Overnight: open 7. close 5½.					
Local Authority Deps:	5⅞	n/a	5⅞	5¹³⁄₁₆	5¹³⁄₁₆
Sterling CDs:	5¹³⁄₁₆-5⅞	5⅞-5¹³⁄₁₆	5²⁷⁄₃₂-5²⁵⁄₃₂	5²⁵⁄₃₂-5²³⁄₃₂	5¹³⁄₁₆-5¾
Dollar CDs:	3.13-3.10	n/a	3.18-3.16	3.38-3.34	3.66-3.64
Building Society CDs:	5²⁷⁄₃₂-5²⁵⁄₃₂	5⅞-5⅞	5²⁷⁄₃₂-5⅞	5²⁵⁄₃₂-5⅞	5¹³⁄₁₆-5⅞

ECGD: Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance. Make-up day: Jun 30, 1993. Agreed rates July 26, 1993 to Aug 24, 1993. Schemes III: 7.18%. Reference rate May 29, 1993 to Jun 30, 1993. Scheme IV & V: 5.939%.

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar:	3⅛-2⅞	3⅛-2¹⁵⁄₁₆	3³⁄₁₆-3⅛	3⅜-3¼	3⅛-2⅞
Deutschemark:	7⅞-7⅝	7¹³⁄₁₆-7¹¹⁄₁₆	7⅝-7½	7⅜-7¼	8⅛-7⅞
French Franc:	7⅞-7⅝	7½-7⅜	7-6⅞	6¹¹⁄₁₆-6⁹⁄₁₆	8-7
Swiss Franc:	5⅛-5	5¼-4⅞	5-4⅞	4¹⁵⁄₁₆-4¹³⁄₁₆	5¼-4⅞
Yen:	3¼-3	3¼-3⅛	3⅛-3⅛	3⅛-3⅛	3⅜-2⅞

GOLD AND PRECIOUS METALS (Baird & Co)

Bullion: Open $378.50-378.90 Close: $378.50-379.00 High: $379.30-379.80
Low: $377.40-377.90 Krugerrand: $378.00-380.00 (£252.50-254.50)
Sovereigns: Old $90.00-93.00 (£58.00-60.00) New $90.00-93.00 (£58.00-60.00)
Platinum: $385.65 (£255.65) Silver: $4.57 (£3.05) Palladium: $138.00 (£91.50)

LIFFE OPTIONS

	Series	Calls Jul	Calls Oct	Calls Jan	Puts Jul	Puts Oct	Puts Jan
Alld Lyon	500	49½	63½	72	2	9	17
(*537½)	550	12½	30	42	17	29	37½
Argyll	300	31	41	46	2	8	13½
(*327)	330	9	22	29	11½	20	26
ASDA	67	8½	11½	-	1	4½	-
(*74)	76	3	6½	-	5	8	-
Boots	420	31	45	50	3½	11	18
(*442½)	460	6	22	30	21	30	37
Br Airways	287	26½	38	43	3	9½	15½
(*309½)	316	7½	21	26½	15	22	29
BP	300	14½	22½	29	6	13½	18
(*308)	330	2½	9	16	25	31	34½
Br Steel	90	7	11	15	3	6½	8½
(*94½)	100	2	7½	11	8½	12	14
C & W	750	32	52	69	11	26	38
(*774½)	800	5	27½	44	43	54½	65½
CU	580	36½	46½	-	5½	19	-
(*613½)	629	9	21½	-	29	47	-
ICI	657	20½	34½	52	15½	35½	43
(*666½)	681	10½	25½	41	30	50½	57
Kingfishr	584	30	46	-	7	22	-
(*603½)	632	6½	23	-	34	44	-
Land Sec	550	50	62	67	1½	7	14½
(*597)	600	9½	28	33	14½	23	34
M & S	330	21	32	39	3½	6½	13
(*347)	360	4½	14	22	17	22	27
Nat West	460	36½	45	56	4	11½	15½
(*491)	500	11½	23	34	21	33½	40½
Sainsbury	460	33	48	55	3	10½	17
(*487½)	500	8½	24	32	20	28	34
Shell	600	37½	47½	57	3	14½	20½
(*631)	650	6½	19	31½	25	40	45
Smkl Beh	430	27½	41½	52	6½	18	25½
(*440)	460	7	22½	32½	28	39½	46½
Storehse	200	14	21	26	4	9	13
(*212)	220	3	12	15	14	19	24
Trafalgar	101	8½	14½	-	3	6½	-
(*106)	110	4	9½	13	7½	11½	15
Unilever	1000	48	77½	92	7	21	30
(*1030½)	1050	15½	46½	63½	28	43½	53
Zeneca	600	34½	48	62	5½	24½	32
(*625)	650	7½	23½	37½	31	53	56

	Series	Calls Jul	Calls Oct	Calls Feb	Puts Jul	Puts Oct	Puts Feb
Grnd Met	420	17½	31½	42½	11	20½	31½
(*428)	460	3	15½	26½	39	45	55
Ladbroke	160	27½	32½	36½	1½	6½	9½
(*185½)	180	11½	19	25½	6½	15½	17½
Utd Bisc	390	17½	34	43	12	22	33
(*391½)	420	5½	18	31	32	41	50½

	Series	Calls Aug	Calls Nov	Calls Jan	Puts Aug	Puts Nov	Puts Jan
BAA	700	43	64	67	7½	18	24
(*729)	750	11	35½	42	30½	41	47½
Thames W	460	26	37½	41½	6	16	19
(*475½)	500	6½	16½	21½	28½	37½	41

	Series	Calls Aug	Calls Nov	Calls Feb	Puts Aug	Puts Nov	Puts Feb
BAT Ind	400	26	36½	47½	6½	17	22
(*418)	425	11	21	33	18	30	34
BTR	360	25½	31	37	3½	10½	13
(*376½)	390	6½	13	22	16½	25½	28
Br Aero	390	27	49½	62½	20	34	42
(*395½)	420	14½	36	48	38	53½	61½
Br Telecm	420	18½	25½	29½	8	21	27
(*428½)	460	3½	10	14½	35	47½	52½
Cadbury	460	16	31	41	14	25½	29
(*463)	500	4	14½	23½	43	50	53
Guinness	460	27	42½	53½	9½	21½	27
(*470½)	500	8	23	33½	33	44	49
GEC	330	12½	23	28	9	14½	18½
(*339)	360	2½	10	15	31	33½	36
Hanson	220	12	17½	21½	4	9	13½
(*226½)	240	3½	9	12½	16	23½	24½
LASMO	140	23	30	35	2	7½	10
(*160)	160	9	18½	24	8	16½	20
Lucas	130	12	17½	20½	5	11	16
(*136)	140	5	12	15½	10½	19	22
Pilkingtn	120	11½	16½	18	3½	7	11½
(*128)	130	5½	11½	13	8	12½	16½
Prudential	330	19	28½	35½	6	14½	15
(*343)	360	5	14	21½	23½	31½	34½
Redland	460	29½	45	53	11	29	34½
(*476)	500	9½	26	35½	34	51½	56½
Royal Ins	288	29	38	48½	3½	8	14½
(*314½)	317	11½	23	32½	14	22½	27½
Tesco	200	18	25	30	4	9½	12
(*214½)	220	7½	14	19	12	19	23
Vodafone	420	40½	56½	64	5½	15½	21
(*450½)	460	15	33½	42	22½	33½	38½
Williams	300	28	34½	41	3½	11½	15
(*321½)	330	9	18	25½	15½	27½	30½

FT-SE INDEX (*2899)

	2750	2800	2850	2900	2950	3000
Calls						
Jul	161	113	68	31	11	3½
Aug	173	128	99	59	34	18
Sep	187	145	108	80	56	37
Oct	201	163	129	98	74	53
Dec	-	195	-	135	-	87
Puts						
Jul	2	3½	10	24	58	105
Aug	11	15	30	48	78	115
Sep	19	26	41	63	90	124
Oct	29	42	58	77	103	133
Dec	-	60	-	101	-	154

	Series	Calls Sep	Calls Dec	Calls Mar	Puts Sep	Puts Dec	Puts Mar
Abby Nat	390	27½	41	48	10½	15	21
(*409½)	420	13	25	32½	26½	32½	37
Amstrad	30	5½	7	8	2	2½	3½
(*33½)	35	3	4½	5½	4	5	6
Barclays	460	32	46	54	15	21	26½
(*480½)	500	13	25	33½	37	44	48
Blue Circ	240	23	29	34½	7½	14½	17½
(*251½)	260	12	18½	24½	17	25	28
Br Gas	280	26½	31	34	4½	10½	12½
(*298½)	300	13	18½	23	12	20½	22½
Dixons	200	23	31	35	7	12	15
(*217)	220	12	19½	25	16	21	25
Forte	220	20½	27½	33½	10½	17½	21½
(*226½)	240	11	18	24	22	29	32
Hillsdwn	130	15½	19½	23	6	11	12½
(*137)	140	9½	14½	17½	11	16	17½
Lonrho	120	9½	16	18	11	14	17
(*120½)	130	6	12	14	17½	21	24
Sears	90	12	14	15	2	4	5
(*99)	100	5½	8	10	6	8	9
Thm Emi	900	33	50	60½	38½	46½	57
(*907)	950	13	29½	39	75	79	89
Tomkins	220	13	20½	25	11	15	18½
(*224½)	240	5½	12	16½	25	27½	29
TSB	180	21	25½	29	4½	7½	12
(*195)	200	8½	14½	18½	14	17	22½
Wellcome	650	50½	70	84	25½	45	52
(*667½)	700	26½	47	59	52	72	81

	Series	Calls Sep	Calls Dec	Calls Apr	Puts Sep	Puts Dec	Puts Apr
Glaxo	550	42	55	68	22	36	50
(*563)	600	19	34	47	51½	70½	79
HSBC	650	47½	68½	86	27	42	60
(*665½)	700	25	45	62½	56½	69	86½
Reuter	1350	78	123	149	42	70	102
(*1383)	1400	52	97	21½	67	97	24½

	Series	Calls Sep	Calls Dec	Calls Feb	Puts Sep	Puts Dec	Puts Feb
R-Royce	140	13	18½	19½	8	14½	15½
(*143½)	160	5	10	12	21½	27	27½

	Series	Calls Jul	Calls Oct	Calls Dec	Puts Jul	Puts Oct	Puts Dec
Fisons	160	25	33	36	2½	9	12½
(*180½)	180	11	21½	25½	9	17	22

	Series	Calls Aug	Calls Nov	Calls Feb	Puts Aug	Puts Nov	Puts Feb
Eastrn Elc	460	18	29½	35½	15½	24	30½
(*472)	500	3	14½	19	47	50½	55

	Series	Calls Sep	Calls Dec	Calls Mar	Puts Sep	Puts Dec	Puts Mar
Natl Pwr	360	23	33½	39	9½	16½	20½
(*367½)	390	9	19½	24½	27	31½	36
Scot Pwr	310	15½	20½	-	11½	16	-
(*317)	330	5	11½	15½	25½	28	31½

June 30, 1993 Tot: 32333 Call: 19494
Put: 12839 FT-SE Call: 2813 Put: 3638
*Underlying security price.

COMMODITIES

GNI REPORT: Gold remained relatively subdued, despite a story that a consortium, led by Sir James Goldsmith was planning to sell 9.65 million shares in Newmont Mining, and that most of the proceeds would be invested in physical bullion. A similar move a few months ago was cited as one of the factors causing the rise in bullion, traders will be watching for any signs of large scale activity over the next few weeks.

LONDON FOX
COCOA

Jul	718-717	Sep	763-762
Sep	713-712	Dec	784-780
Dec	714-715	Mar	802-800
Mar	726-725	May	814-810
May	737-736		
Jul	750-749		Volume: 6844

ROBUSTA COFFEE ($)

Jul	890-889	Mar	915 SLR
Sep	916-915	May	925-920
Nov	915 SLR	Jul	935-925
Jan	913-911		Volume: 5499

RAW SUGAR (FOB)

C Czarnikow		Dec	unq
Spot: unq		Mar	
May	unq	May	
Aug		Aug	
Oct			Volume: 0

WHITE SUGAR (FOB)

Reuters		Mar	268.0-67.2
Spot: 273.5		May	271.5-70.2
Aug	275.5-75.0	Aug	275.5-72.7
Oct	267.0-66.2	Oct	269.5-62.7
Dec	267.5-66.2		Volume: 927

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION
Average fatstock prices at representative markets on June 30

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB:	85.65	108.21	139.66
(+/-)	-1.64	-6.04	-0.53
Eng/Wales:	85.65	107.92	138.02
(+/-)	-1.64	-5.96	-1.31
(%)	-11.9	+11.3	+5.1
Scotland:	n/a	109.64	147.15
(+/-)	n/a	-8.07	-2.40
(%)	n/a	+61.5	+22.0

LONDON MEAT FUTURES
Live Pig (/kg)

	Open	Close		Open	Close
Jul	109.0	109.0	Sep	104.5	104.5
Aug	104.0	104.0			Volume: 7

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES
WHEAT (close £/t)

Sep	106.15
Nov	107.85
Jan	110.35
Mar	112.60
May	114.85
	Volume: 139

BARLEY (close £/t)

Sep	104.40
Nov	107.40
Jan	109.90
Mar	111.75
May	112.65
	Volume: 0

HI-PRO SOYA (close £/t)

Aug	154.00
Oct	154.00
Dec	156.00
Feb	159.00
Apr	160.00
	Volume: 0

POTATO

(£/t)	Open	Close
Nov	unq	55.0
Apr	85.5	86.8
May	unq	93.0
		Volume: 33

RUBBER
No 1 RSS Cif (p/k)
Jul 58.75-59.25

ICIS-LOR (London 6.00pm): Oil prices remained firm ahead of the long weekend in America.

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	17.45	(n/c)
Brent 15 day (Jul)	17.50	(n/c)
Brent 15 day (Aug)	17.70	(n/c)
W Texas Intermediate (Aug)	19.00	-0.10
W Texas Intermediate (Sep)	19.25	-0.10

PRODUCTS ($/MT)
Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

	Bid	Offer
Premium Gas .15	200 (+1)	202 (+1)
Gasoil EEC	166 (+3)	167 (+3)
Non EEC 1H Jul	166 (+1)	167 (+1)
Non EEC 1H Aug	168 (+1)	169 (-1)
3.5 Fuel Oil	59 (n/c)	61 (+1)
Naphtha	170 (n/c)	172 (n/c)

IPE FUTURES
GNI Ltd
GAS OIL

Jul	164.75-65.00	Oct	170.50-70.75
Aug	166.00-66.25	Nov	172.75-73.00
Sep	167.75-68.00	Dec	175.00-75.25
			Vol: 14774

BRENT (6.00pm)

Aug	17.69-17.70	Nov	18.17-18.23
Sep	17.87-17.89	Dec	18.31-18.34
Oct	18.03-18.07		Vol: 15080

UNLEADED GASOLINE

Jul	191.50-92.00	Oct	unq
Aug	191.00-92.00	Nov	unq
Sep	189.00-94.00		Vol: 247

BIFFEX
GNI Ltd ($10/pt)

	High	Low	Close
Jul 93	1320	1305	1306
Aug 93	1295	1277	1277
Oct 93	1380	1375	1375
Nov 93	1385	1380	1380

Vol: 250 lots. Open Int'st: 3847 Index 1473 -11

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE Rudolf Wolff
(Official) (Volume prev day)

	Cash	3mth	Vol
Copper Gde A (£/tonne)	1264.0-1264.5	1274.5-1275.0	1221900
Lead (£/tonne)	258.00-258.50	269.50-270.00	84475
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	921.50-922.00	940.00-940.50	571375
Tin ($/tonne)	5070.0-5075.0	5125.0-5130.0	9065
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1220.5-1221.0	1243.5-1244.0	1393400
Nickel ($/tonne)	5345.0-5347.0	5405.0-5410.0	9760

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Chris Isaak: the screaming started even before his concert began to charm the fans

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DANCE page 35
The Kirov is back for the first time in three years, bringing a bit of ballet history to the Coliseum



CINEMA: **Geoff Brown** on good guy Robert De Niro and bad guy Bill Murray, a bizarre bit of casting that works

Deerhunter returns – as Bambi



Smile if you're about to find true love in the most unlikely circumstances: Uma Thurman and Robert De Niro get to know each other better in *Mad Dog and Glory*

When Robert De Niro plays a character called Mad Dog, we think we know what to expect: a mean streets psychotic, given to loud, rude words and violent gestures. Yet the sharply offbeat **Mad Dog and Glory** confounds all expectations. For the character tag is ironic. This Chicago police photographer is more a forlorn puppy, a prim, introspective, lonely bachelor, one of life's losers. He has not fired a gun in 15 years.

Mad Dog and Glory
Empire, 15

The Assassin
MGM Shaftesbury Avenue, 18

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MGM Haymarket, 15.

Two events jolt him from his rut. Caught up in a grocery store robbery, he inadvertently saves the life of Bill Murray's gangster Frank Milo: suave on the surface, but underneath a neurotic thug who massages his ego performing stand-up comedy at his Comic Cazie club. When Murray's therapist suggests he rewards his saviour, De Niro is given the services of club barmaid Uma Thurman for a week.

"I am the expediter of your dreams," Murray proclaims, although De Niro seems as experienced with women as he is with Martians. Lo and behold, the odd couple fall in love.

In other, ordinary hands, this tale could easily have become smeared with sleaze. But *Mad Dog and Glory* was made by a gifted crew who probe beneath the externals. Martin Scorsese produces with Barbara De Fina. The scriptwriter is Richard Price, unmatched in capturing the garish colours and doted rhythms of street talk. The director is John McNaughton, reaching the mainstream three films after his astounding and gruelling *Henry: Portrait of a Serial Killer*. We knew about his obsession with social outcasts: but his sensitivity to romantic feelings comes as a revelation.

It is the playing, however, that really gives the film its edge. The bedraggled De Niro and the immaculately groomed Murray, locking horns in a series of threatening but comic encounters, clearly relish their offbeat casting. Thurman, too, shows her mettle, casting off the ex-model's vacant looks for the haunted face of Glory, the volatile woman who nervously accepts the hoodlum's deal to wipe clean her brother's debts. Most Hollywood bed displays are as slick as a turn by performing seals; her fumbling scenes with De Niro remind us of how awkward sex can be.

As Mad Dog and Glory consolidate their dangerous affair, the film sags a little, moving closer to Hollywood conventions.

Yet Price's dialogue always keeps its flavour and the corn never grows too high. Crisply photographed by Robby Müller, and laced with excellent music by Elmer Bernstein (bitter-sweet saxophone to the fore), this is mainstream American cinema at its most inventive, most bewitching.

The Assassin (MGM Shaftesbury Avenue, 18), by contrast, is not the best advertisement for Hollywood. One version of *Nikita*, Luc Besson's glossy thriller about a wild female criminal retooled as a pliant government assassin, should be enough for anyone. Yet America has seen fit to remake it with the minimum of fresh thinking. Anne Parillaud's Nikita becomes Bridget Fonda's Maggie, yanked from Death Row, reborn as an operative in Washington DC, and sent out at a phone call's notice to eliminate targets across America.

Who are her victims? What are their crimes? And who exactly are Fonda's employers? As a European art film director, Besson could avoid spelling things out, couching his film as a stylised fantasy, strong on decor, weak on character. John Badham doggedly attempts the same approach. But American thrillers thrive on specifics: names, dates, autopsy reports. Without a sprinkling of details, *The Assassin* (released in America as *Point of No Return*) feels adrift from reality, trapped in a bubble.

Bubble or no, Fonda puts up a tremendous show, moving convincingly from punk hooligan to vulnerable beauty to killing machine. Those around her work well, at least as caricatures: Anne Bancroft makes a suave etiquette teacher ("Always smile when you enter a room, dear") and Harvey Keitel raises a shiver as Victor the Cleaner, a quart of sulphuric at the ready to dispose of any bodies. But once was enough. This is not a film the world needs.

A new Spanish film, **The Fencing Master** may not shake the ground, but it provides civilised entertainment to offset *The Assassin*. Although swords cross frequently and the dialogue ripples with fencing terms, ignorance of the art never prevents enjoyment. You just need to appreciate intriguing characters, polished acting, and a minor director (Pedro Olea) with a velvet touch.

A little historical information helps, too. The year is 1868. Queen Isabella II, much criticised for her authoritarian regime and private love life, is about to be toppled; General Prim stands in the wings, ready to mount the challenge. But although republican ferment shapes the story, it scarcely impinges on the well-ordered life of Omero Antonutti's Don Jaime de Astarloa. To him, fencing is all, until he meets Adela (the seductive Assumpta Serna), who comes for lessons, pricks his heart and sparks a trail of dead bodies.

Olea drew his material from a novel by Arturo Perez Reverte, and you get the sense that this adaptation scrapes away much local detail. Yet what remains makes admirable sense as a tasteful, gracefully acted tale of mystery and romance, set in the arthouse world of literate speech, 19th-century furnishings, and horses' hoofs clattering in stereo on cobbles.

Red Rock West, on the other hand, transpires in the world of many an old B-movie thriller. You know the terrain: a small, barren town, a bar, a police station, four desperate characters in a black Buick and a huge stash of stolen dollars. Director John Dahl's debut film *Kill Me Again* already proved his mastery of the genre; this new venture, co-written with his brother Rick, further polishes his credentials.

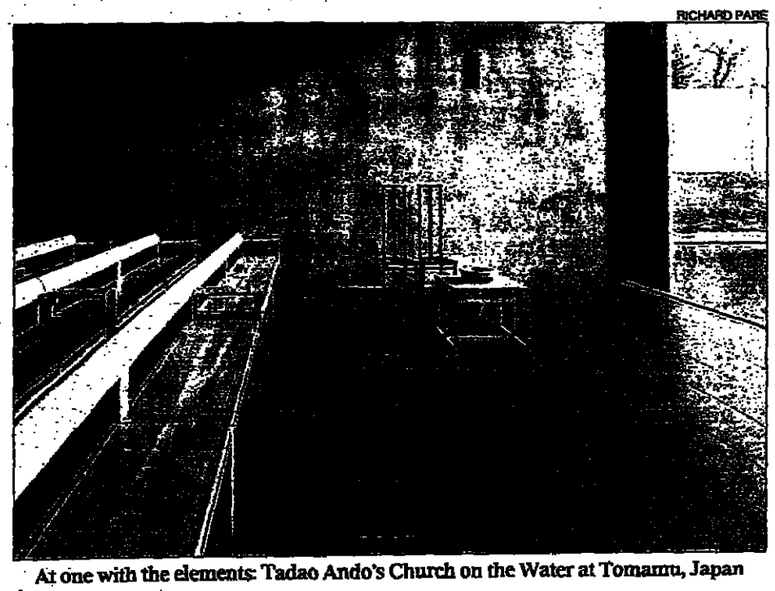
Nicolas Cage drives into Red Rock West, Wyoming, desperate for employment. Bar owner J.T. Walsh mistakes him for the Texan he hired to kill his wife (Lara Flynn Boyle). Cage plans to warn the wife, pocket the money, and head out of town, but the plot's crazy twists keep pulling him back to Red Rock West. Walsh turns out to be local sheriff, while the real hired killer is Dennis Hopper: a man you never want on the wrong side of a gun.

Character interplay, black humour and Dahl's fine eye for desolate landscapes keep the first half bubbling merrily. Then the script loses some of its impudent ingenuity, and Hopper's florid villain outstays his welcome. But even if *Red Rock West* falters at the close, there are far worse ways to spend 98 minutes.

Film connoisseurs should not neglect the National Film Theatre's season devoted to French director **Raymond Bernard**, best-known for spectacles such as *The Wooden Crosses*, *Les Misérables* and *The Chess Player*, but also capable of glossy star vehicles and sophisticated comedies. As a taster, try *The Miracle of the Wolves* (tomorrow), a splendid epic, with unforgettable scenes of siege warfare filmed on the ramparts of Carcassonne.

ARCHITECTURE: A new exhibition pays tribute to the untrained genius of Tadao Ando

Windmiller of the mind



RICHARD PARE

At one with the elements: Tadao Ando's Church on the Water at Tomamu, Japan

The very title of architect is called into question by a major exhibition of the work of Japan's Tadao Ando. Here is a man with no formal training who has risen to become one of the top names in Japanese architecture. He has won the gold medal of architecture from the French Academy, the Carlsberg Architecture Prize, and been a visiting professor at Yale, Columbia and Harvard.

In Japan an architect can rely on a contractor to resolve all the technical detail of a design. Major Japanese contractors have numerous highly competent architects and engineers on their staff only too keen for the opportunity to work with Ando, who is primarily an artist. Here is a parallel with the Renaissance in Europe, when painters and sculptors regularly designed important buildings.

Recently, Ando has begun building abroad, notably an art school for Benetton at Treviso in northern Italy. "I want my architecture to make the wind dance," he says.

The quality that marks Ando's work is a transcending sense of peace and repose. It comes in no small part from Le Corbusier, whose work he has studied in the closest detail. Even Ando's dog is called Corbusier.

From late Corbusier, he has taken plain unadorned concrete walls, and the use of narrow slits to create dramatic razor sharp shafts of light across walls and floors.

One of his most perfect and admired buildings is a chapel, the Church of the Light in Osaka. It is no more than a simple box with a glazed cross etched in the end wall. With its plain, infinitely elegant wooden furnishings, it has the quality of very early dissenters' chapels. Ando's furniture is astonishing. Chairs and tables have pin-thin wooden legs as rigid as steel.

Richard Pare, who has spent five years photographing Ando's work, says: "His concrete is as smooth as silk. He achieves this by varnishing the surface of the wooden boards in which it is set." In Japan, this wooden shuttering, as it is called, is bolted together, and the tiny, evenly-spaced bolt holes are a hallmark of Ando's.

He limits himself to simple materials: wood, glass, steel, and concrete. Apart from rare flashes of colour, his palette is monochrome.

The exhibition highlights certain recurring themes. One is an egg shape, most startlingly in an auditorium he proposes to insert in an opulent late 19th-century theatre in Osaka. "This is my dream," he says, pointing to a 30ft model of the project which is intended to be built on a 1km-long island in the river. Virtually all the new building would be underground. Here

> 'I want my architecture to make the wind dance'

is the French visionary architect Boullée by subtraction, spaces which would exist simply as caverns underground. Thanks to the reverence in which Ando is held, the project stands a chance of being carried out.

Another recurring feature is a love of spectacular staircases, indoors and out. At Chikatsu-Asuka, he is constructing a new museum and visitors' centre for one of the best collections of burial mounds in Japan. The entire roof is a giant outdoor staircase. The most enjoyable of his staircases is a giant stepped water ramp for children to play on at his children's museum in Hyogo. Another beautiful example is at the water temple above Osaka, where a staircase descends through a large pond of lotus flowers.

Ando decided architecture was his mission in life when a carpenter came to build an extension to the family home. 'He cut a hole in the roof, letting in a shaft of light. That gave Ando the idea of what he wanted to do,' Pare says. Ando began as a Thai boxer, but then spent eight years teaching himself simply by looking at buildings all over America, Europe and Africa.

Curiously, Ando's beautiful commercial buildings in Tokyo are not included in the exhibition, as if he does not consider them high architecture. Some of the projects he illustrates are essays in pure form, architecture without a basis of real need on a scale unthinkable in Britain, and perhaps no longer possible in the Japan of the 1990s.

Ando reconciles himself to this. "I believe that when greenery, water, light or wind are abstracted from nature, it will approach the sacred," he says. His Rokko housing on a hillside above Osaka marks the first time that anyone has been able to cope with the threat posed by earthquakes to buildings on hillside sites.

But this has a worrying side. The whole countryside between Osaka and Tokyo, a distance equivalent to that between London and Newcastle, is one continuous built-up area. The consistently redeeming features are the hills, always wooded and never built on, like sacred islands in a sea of concrete. If they are developed simply for the purpose of obtaining a good view, the devastation will be as bad as that on the French Riviera.

One of the most beautiful elements of the exhibition is Ando's drawings, the size of Renaissance tapestry cartoons. Can all these really be his? Watching him sign catalogues, with a dashing series of flourishes across the page, it is clear they could be.

MARCUS BINNEY

● Tadao Ando: Beyond Horizons in Architecture, *is at the Royal Institute of British Architects, 66 Portland Place, London W1 (071-580 5533) until July 23.*



Fun, fun, fun: Brian Wilson (far left) and the Beach Boys (see "Endless summer")

Beale set for Elsinore

SIMON Russell Beale may not be everybody's idea of the glass of fashion and the mould of form, but it should not be too long before he gives us his Hamlet. He and Sam Mendes, who directed his clown-faced Richard III, have yet to synchronise their diaries, but they are known to be keen on the idea. Meanwhile, the autumn brings us two more probable Danes in Alan Cumming, at the Donmar Warehouse, and Robert Glenister, who will be directed at the Sheffield Crucible by the estimable Michael Rudman.

● THE Kirov has finalised plans for a one-off mixed bill programme at the Coliseum on July 14. After a heavy diet of 19th-century Russian full-length ballets, the so-called "gala" programme will give audiences the chance to see how the Russians (whose first programme is reviewed on page 35) handle themselves in the late 20th-century repertoire. The bill will offer two American works: *Scotch Symphony* by George Balanchine (himself a former Kirov dancer) and *In the Night* by Jerome Robbins (a series of pas de deux to Chopin nocturnes). There will also be a new work by the Kirov's artistic director Oleg Vinogradov: his choreography to Samuel Barber's *Adagio for Strings*. In case the audience still hankers for a taste of the 19th century there is always a bit of *Nutcracker* to keep them happy.

ARTS BRIEFING

Endless summer

ROCK reissue of the year, if not of the decade, must be *Good Vibrations* from the Beach Boys, which came out this week, neatly coinciding with the veterans' Wembley appearance (see review, page 34). Thirty years after the band's first Top Ten hit, and 27 years after the fiasco of the unreleased *Smile* album, this five-CD set finally gives us the chance to hear early demo-tapes, studio chat, hits, obscurities and 30 minutes of unreleased music from the legendary *Smile* sessions. For grim details of the events surrounding this turbulent period, read ex-Beach Boy Brian Wilson's autobiography, *Wouldn't It Be Nice*.

Last chance . . .

WITH the enormous expansion of what is normally regarded as fine art — to include video, performance art and the most informal of installations — one might suppose that divisions between art and craft had become irrelevant. But according to the show *On The Edge: Art Meets Craft* at London's Crafts Council Gallery (071-278 7700) until Sunday, they are still an issue. The work of eight leading "cross-over artists" is featured, demonstrating the ability of specialists in such craft areas as ceramics, jewellery, silversmithing and textiles to move towards fine art forms without losing touch with their origins.

TODAY'S CHOICE

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Karl Knight

Motion, covering Ireland, England, the high seas, under the seas and probably a whole lot more
Theatre Upstairs, Royal Court, Sloane Square, SW1 (071-730 2554) Previews from tonight, 7.30pm; opens July 6 7.30pm then Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Sat (from July 10), 3.30pm

BRITISH LIBRARY LECTURE: University scholar Brian J. Ford gives a lecture on aspects of the history of scientific illustration.
British Museum Lecture Theatre, Great Russell Street, WC1 (information and tickets, 071-323 7704), 6pm, free

REGIONAL

GLASGOW INTERNATIONAL JAZZ FESTIVAL This substantial festival kicks off with Jools Holland and his Big Band (Fruitmarket, tonight, 7pm) and the Stan Tracey Octet (Fruitmarket, tomorrow, 7pm).
Glasgow International Jazz Festival (041-227 5511), until July 11.

MANCHESTER Vanessa Redgrave plays a Boston woman and her mother in Mikhail Shatrov's **Maybe**, a drama of three generations of women standing up against intolerance
Royal Exchange, St Ann's Square (061-833 9333). Opens tonight, 7.30pm, then Mon-Thurs, 7.30pm, Fri and Sat, 8pm, mats Wed, 2.30pm and Sat, 4pm

NORTHAMPTON: Soprano Rita Hunter joins the **British Concert Orchestra** and the Central Festival Opera Chorus in a performance of arias by Wagner, Mascagni, Verdi.
Derngate Theatre, 19/21 Guildhall Road (0604 248111), 7.30pm

OXFORD Handel's visit to Oxford and the Sheldonian Theatre in July 1773 is the stimulus for a five-day festival which gets underway tonight with a concert of his coronation anthems by the **Choirs of Christ Church Cathedral, Magdalen College and New College**, Oxford.
Sheldonian Theatre, Broad Street (0865 864056), 7.30pm.

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London

■ **House full, returns only**
◪ **Some seats available**
☐ **Seats at all prices**

☐ **ALI** Impressive performance by Geoffrey C. Ewing as Muhammad Ali, old and young.
Mermaid, Puddle Dock, Blackfriars, EC4 (071-410 0000) Mon-Sat, 8pm, mat Sat, 3pm 135mins ◪

■ **ARCADIA** Tom Stoppard in sparkling form brings together love, chaos theory and much else. With Felicity Kendal and Emma Fielding.
National (Lyttelton), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252) Tonight-Sat 7.30pm, mats tomorrow, Sat 2.15pm 180mins ◪

■ **THE CHANGELING** Michael Attenborough's vivid and lusty production from Stratford, with Cheryl Campbell and Malcolm Storry sinking into evil.
The Pit, Barbican Silk Street, EC2 (071-638 8891). Today, 2pm and 7.15pm 180mins ◪

◪ **CITY OF ANGELS** Top quality Larry Gelbart/Cy Coleman musical, packed with wit and soft in LA.
Prince of Wales, Coventry Street, W1 (071-839 5972) Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2.30pm 180mins

◪ **CRAZY FOR YOU** Thrillingly staged new version of the Gershwin musical *Girl Crazy*.
Prince Edward, Old Compton Street, W1 (071-734 8951) Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Thurs, Sat, 3pm 150mins ◪

☐ **ELEGIES FOR ANGELS, PUNKS AND RAGING QUEENS** Tribute in verse and song to Americans dead from Aids. Soft-centred though sometimes poignant.
Criterion, Piccadilly Circus, W1 (071-839 4488) Mon-Thurs, 8pm, Fri, 6pm and 8.45pm, Sat, 4.30pm and 8pm, 120mins ◪

☐ **AN EVENING WITH GARY LINEKER** Comic fantasies among the football-watching classes.
Vaudeville, Strand, WC2 (071-836 9987) Mon-Fri, 8pm, Sat, 8.15pm, mats Wed, 3pm, Sat, 5.30pm, 120mins.

◪ **THE GIFT OF THE GORGON.** Blazing performance by Judi Dench in Peter Shaffer's RSC success lacking justice and terrible revenge.
Wyndham's, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-867 1116) Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mat Sat, 3pm 165mins.

◪ **THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING EARNEST.** Maggie Smith commands the brittle world of lost handbags in this elegant revival. With Alex Jennings.
Aldwych, The Aldwych, WC2 (071-836 6404). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2.30pm 160mins.

☐ **THE LAST YANKEE.** Subtle and touching Arthur Miller premiere: Margot Leicester, Peter Dawson lead a quartet of troubled Americans.
Duke of York's, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (071-836 5122). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Thurs, 3pm and Sat, 5pm, 90mins ◪

☐ **LYSISTRATA:** Geraldine James in Peter Hall's production where organs and actions are called by their proper (improper?) names, and the men sport rubber phalluses. Aristophanes would have approved.
Old Vic, Waterloo Road, SE1 (071-928 7616). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Wed, 3pm, Sat, 5pm, 95mins. ◪

■ **MACBETH** An idiosyncratic performance by Alan Howard in Richard Eyre's murky production.
National (Olivier), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Tonight-Sat, 7.15pm, mat Sat, 2pm 140mins ◪

☐ **PRESENT LAUGHTER.** Tom Conti is seriously off-target in the Noel Coward role.
Globe, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5065). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Thurs and Sat, 3pm, 150mins

■ **SWEENEY TODD.** Declan Donnellan's superb staging of Sondheim's subtle, savage musical.
National (Cottesloe), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Tonight, 7.30pm 180mins ◪

◪ **TRANSLATIONS** British mapmakers erase Gaelic place names in 1833 Donegal: clear production of Brian Friel's subtle play exploring the uses of language.
Donmar Warehouse, Earlham Street, WC2 (071-867 1150). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs, 3pm and Sat, 4pm, 135mins.

LONG RUNNERS ☐ **Blood Brothers:** Phoenix (071-867 1044) ☐ **Buddy:** Victoria Palace (071-834 1317) . . ◪ **Cats:** New London (071-405 0072) . . ☐ **Don't Dress for Dinner:** Duchess (071-494 5070) ◪ **Five Guys Named Moe:** Lyric (071-494 5045) . . ◪ **Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat:** Palladium (071-494 5037) . . ◪ **Kiss of the Spider Woman:** Shaftesbury (071-379 5399) . . ◪ **Les Misérables:** Palace (071-434 0909) . . ◪ **Miss Saigon:** Theatre Royal, Drury Lane (071-494 5400) . . ☐ **The Mousetrap:** St Martin's (071-836 1443).

Ticket information supplied by Society of West End Theatre

CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country

NEW RELEASES

◆ **CLIFFHANGER** (15) Sylvester Stallone tangles with John Lithgow's baddies high in the Rockies. Pitiful dialogue, but non-stop action. Renny Harlin directed.
MGM Chelsea (071-352 5096) **MGM Oxford Street** (071-636 0310) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **Leicester Square** (0426 915683) **UCI Whiteleys** ◪ (071-792 3332)

THE OLD LADY WHO WALKED IN THE SEA (18) Tiresome divertissement with Jeanne Moreau as an ageing eccentric with a taste for young men. Director, Laurent Heynemann.
MGM Tottenham Court Road (071-636 6148)

CURRENT

◆ **ARMY OF DARKNESS** (15) Evil Dead hero Bruce Campbell fights medieval England's undead. Exuberant horror parody from director Sam Raimi.
MGM Haymarket (071-839 1527) **MGM MGM Trocadero** ◪ (071-434 0031)

◆ **BOXING HELENA** (18) Jennifer (daughter of David) Lynch's daft Grand Guignol, with Julian Sands madly amputating his lover's limbs.
MGM Chelsea (071-352 5096) **MGM Oxford Street** (071-636 0310) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **West End** (0426 915574) **UCI Whiteleys** ◪ (071-792 3332)

UN COEUR EN HIVER (12) Love, sly games and damaged friendships between two instrument makers and a young violinist. Wonderfully observant, delicate drama from Claude Sautet. With Daniel Auteuil, Emmanuelle Beart, André Dussollier.
MGM Swiss Centre (071-439 4470) **Odeon Kensington** (0426 914666) **Renoir** (071-837 8402)

MAP OF THE HUMAN HEART (15) A love triangle jumps across years, continents and cultures. Visually bracing but muddled drama from cinematic explorer Vincent Ward. With Jason Scott Lee, Patrick Bergin.
Lumière (071-836 0691)

◆ **SAVAGE NIGHTS** (18) A frenzied love story and an HIV-positive hero, based on the film's deceased writer-director-star, Cyril Collard.
Chelsea (071-351 3742/3743) **Gate** ◪ (071-727 4043) **Metro** (071-437 0757) **MGM Tottenham Court Road** (071-636 6148) **Screen on the Green** (071-226 3520)

SOFIE (15) The spent life of a Jewish woman in late 19th century Denmark. Liv Ullmann's skilful, humane directorial debut, marvellously acted.
Curzon Mayfair (071-465 8865)

THE TRIAL (12) Harold Pinter's adaptation fails to solve the problems of making Kafka cinematic.
Barbican ◪ (071-638 8891) **MGM Shaftesbury Avenue** (071-836 8279)

UNTAMED HEART (15) Greatly endearing, off-beat romance between eccentric waitress Marisa Tomei and reclusive busboy Christian Slater.
MGM Fulham Road (071-370 2636) **MGM Oxford Street** (071-636 0310) **MGM Trocadero** ◪ (071-434 0031)

POP AND JAZZ: Isaak charms the ladies; two jazz originals; and a great surfing comeback

Almost a not-quite-superstar

Chris Isaak
Hammersmith Apollo

THE screaming began even before he arrived in the spotlight, and proved conclusively that the wide swathe of women too young to be stirred by Manilow or Iglesias, yet too old to be shaken by Take That, is still willing to get intoxicated on a cocktail of good looks, self-mocking humour and (almost incidentally) a little night music. Not that 36-year-old Isaak is more serious about the business of cheekbones and wisecracks than he is about his art as a singer-songwriter. It is just that because everything he does provokes noisy approbation, you find yourself in danger of forgetting whether it was his looks, his wit or his way with a love-lorn lyric that he became famed for in the first place.

It was film director David Lynch who vaulted Isaak from being a moderately respected, retro-minded cult artist to his current position of superstar-about-to-happen. He did so by including an existing track, the superbly melancholic "Wicked Game", in his movie, *Wild At Heart*.

That symbiotic relationship between the visual and the aural continues to be important in establishing Isaak's cultural territory. Here he dressed his set only with strings of sad-looking carnival lights — just enough to trigger references to *Blue Velvet* or *Twin Peaks* — then immediately sent up this self-created mood by taking the stage in a mirrored zoot suit of epic proportions.

Two briskly efficient songs into his set, the Californian attempted a few remarks, only to be drowned out by those incessant screams. "If you feel that way honey, why don't you come right down the front?" he enquired of his loudest female fan, so provoking an instant tidal wave of admirers to take over the front ten rows. Ironically, though, ladykiller Isaak's most effective songs are those which paint him not as a conqueror but as a helpless victim of love: not only "Wicked Game", but also "Can't Do a Thing (To Stop Me)", with its stunning use of the singer's sad falsetto, and most especially the early Neil Diamond composition, "Solitary Man".

If his music doesn't do so first, Isaak's leading role in the new Bertolucci film, *Little Buddha*, should make him a major-league star. Meanwhile, one is left with the impression of someone who is almost too gifted. With less comedy, fewer hormones, this could have been the most enjoyably lachrymose concert of the year. Instead, it proved that too much talent in too many areas can be a distraction, even if it does provoke screams fit to register on the Richter Scale.

ALAN JACKSON



Chris Isaak: good looks, self-mocking humour and a little night music

Inscrutable, but fun

Paolo Conte
Festival Hall
Earl Okin
Pizza Express

His voice is not the most flexible instrument known to man. Mostly it barely rises above a gruff monologue which drifts along at right-angles to the melody. But that shortcoming is outweighed by the rich and unpredictable settings for his ten-piece backing band. Conte has developed a startling, semi-orchestral palette in which three saxophones compete with vibraphone, accordian, bass tuba, 'cello and percussion. While the reeds occasionally indulged in a swing-style unison, the dominant impression was of ten independent voices weaving in and out behind Conte's piano.

Earl Okin is another laidback performer who deserves wider exposure. An unsung treasure of the London club circuit, he treads an eccentric path between stand-up comedy and affectionate renderings of classic pre-war jazz. Dressed up in spats and bowler hat and accompanying himself on guitar and piano, he was playing to a small but attentive audience in Pizza Express, Dean Street.

In-jokes are scattered throughout his act. The send-up of the early Sixties bossa nova craze was bang on target, and "Fifty Ways To Leave Your Body" was a wry, bad taste parody of the Paul Simon song. An offshoot of the grand old tradition of English eccentrics, Okin returns to the venue for another one-night stand on July 19.

CLIVE DAVIS

FETED on the Continent but virtually unknown here, the singer-songwriter **Paolo Conte** arrived trailing comparisons with that amiable bar-fly Tom Waits. The analogy makes sense in terms of pure vocal style, but to gain a full sense of Conte's performance, you have to try to imagine Yves Montand reciting oblique, Baudelairean verse while being serenaded by the soothing tangos of Astor Piazzolla.

A lawyer by training, Conte has spent the past 30 years working his way up from the status of cult artist. His latest album, *900*, has just been released in this country, the inscrutable lyrics translated into English, French, German, Dutch and Spanish.

Veterans splash back

The Beach Boys
Wembley Arena

CONSIDERING that it is now 30 years since the Beach Boys first stepped onto a stage (and in doing so, into pop history), it was a nice touch that Age Concern was allowed to rattle collecting tins at every entrance to Wembley Arena. This marked the final date on the Boys' whistle-stop English tour and the audience were set on turning the event into a party. Beach balls were tossed among the Hawaiian-shirted fans, while the thousands lining the perimeter wall contented themselves with a Mexican wave. A deep-throated roar went up even when stage operatives tested the spotlights.

It was just as well that most of this audience were already converted. If it took an imaginative leap to turn the Arena into a giant beach, consider the level of suspended disbelief required to view the three remaining original Beach Boys — collective age 150 plus — as capable of climbing atop a surfboard.

But 30 years at the top have turned the Beach Boys into consummate showmen with a predilection for razzmatazz. Dancing cheerleaders, clad in an array of bikinis, pranced through much of this two-and-a-half-hour, 37-song marathon. They diverted attention from the band's rather lacklustre opening. "California Girls" had a somewhat leaden delivery and Carl Wilson, Mike Love, Bruce Johnson and Alan Jardine only truly got into their stride several songs later with "Rock 'n' Roll Music". With nine additional musicians providing a solid rhythmical base which evoked memories of Phil Spector, the Beach Boys were free to concentrate on the airy harmonies that have become their trademark.

There were numerous classic moments. "Little Deuce Coupe", "409" and "Sloop John B" were greeted with evident affection. The soberly suited Wilson gave "Do It Again" a twangy guitar solo, while "Good Vibrations" retained all of its original psychedelic nuances. Jardine's percussionist son, Matt, a falsetto-voiced replacement for Brian Wilson, was a stylish addition to the band's vocals, and his presence on such songs as "Barbara Ann" and a cover version of the Mamas and the Papas' "California Dreaming" was a considerable asset.

This tour coincides with *Summer in Paradise*, the band's first studio album for seven years. It is, as Johnson pointed out, an "environmentally conscious" record, presumably dedicated to keeping the beaches clean. Either way, the audience left with a salty solution glistening in their eyes.

LOUISE GRAY

ENTERTAINMENTS

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John Percival on *Romeo and Juliet*, which opened the Kirov Ballet's five-week London season

First sight of a Juliet to die for

Prokofiev's monumental score for *Romeo and Juliet* has become so inescapable, season after season, that it is hard to imagine a time when it was unknown, and surprising that the Maryinsky Kirov Ballet had never performed it here until Tuesday night's opening of the company's five-week London season at the Coliseum.

All the more so since the music was commissioned by the Maryinsky Theatre in St Petersburg in 1934, premiered there six years later, and London's first experience of the ballet came when two Kirov dancers, Alla Shelest and Konstantin Shatilov, danced three duets from it on a concert tour in 1953.

What has now reached London is, as nearly as may be, the original production by Leonid Lavrovsky with designs by Piotr Williams, and of course it cannot expect the overwhelming shock effect that the slightly revised, bigger, heavier revival for Moscow enjoyed when it opened the Bolshoi Ballet's first season in London almost 40 years ago. That introduced British audiences to a new, more powerful way of treating dramatic ballet, and nobody who saw it in the 1950s and 1960s with Ulanova, Struchkova or Plisetskaya is likely to have forgotten the impact.

But this version still has one great advantage. Precisely because of its historic pre-eminence, almost every choreographer tackling the score has found himself either copying Lavrovsky, or carefully reacting against him. (Ashton was lucky: he got his version in before the Bolshoi arrived in Britain.) Lavrovsky alone had a free run and the opportunity to collaborate with the composer.

A long gestation period allowed him to prune the excesses (including a happy ending) of the original librettists, the theatre director, Sergei Radlov and a drama scholar, Adrian Piotrovsky. Lavrovsky had Prokofiev write extra music and adapt some existing passages; he ended with a dance adaptation of Shakespeare's play that has proved almost foolproof.

The chief virtue of Lavrovsky's choreography is its broad sweep, which is achieved without neglecting detail. The concentration is rightly on the principal characters, but the crowd scenes generally are livelier and more vivid than usual.

The one episode in which later producers have tended to excel him is the number at the end of the ball where Prokofiev used one movement from his Classical Symphony. It lacks dramatic point, which others have added. Surprising that, because dramatic sense is usually Lavrovsky's strength: see how the nurse breaks the news to Juliet that her new friend is her family's enemy.

For two performances only (the second is tonight), the title parts are being played by guests from the Bolshoi. Juliet in this production seems more congenial to Nina Ananiashvili than either Grigorovich's, which now holds sway in Moscow, or MacMillan's, which she danced for Birmingham Royal Ballet last year. The largeness of gesture suits her style, and she has the gift to give each look, each movement of limbs or body, a meaning.

Yuri Posokhov looks good as Romeo, dances well, partners well and acts with commitment. It is difficult to identify just why his performance leaves a faint niggling sense of not quite living up to Ananiashvili. It will be interesting to see what the Kirov's own dancers make of these roles.

Meanwhile, Sergei Vikharev's Mercutio is an outstanding performance: he makes the character's campness amusing but with a slight undertaste of irony, and he rises to the long death scene with a sad bitterness. The duel between Mercutio and Tybalt in this version is more dancy than usual; Vikharev and Dimitry Korneyev carry it off with flair and finesse, but I wish Korneyev would let his Tybalt go just a little more over the top in anger and aggression.

The belief in the Maryinsky Kirov as the more elegant company, the Moscow Bolshoi the more dramatic, suggests that the St Petersburg production may never have had the same weight in the acting roles. But bearing in mind how many dancers and choreographers transfer between the cities, and that such dramatic geniuses as Nureyev (to whom the opening performance was dedicated) and Ulanova both had Kirov origins, there is probably need for a strong grain of salt in such a belief.

> I was carried away by the whole ensemble

What is certainly true is that, with shifting tastes, no company in the world could reproduce the weight given to the Capulet parents and other acting roles by early interpreters whose performances are remembered or preserved on film. Yet, after assuring myself that I must not expect too much in this respect, I was carried away by the tumultuous grief of the whole ensemble at the end of Act II: no other production comes near Lavrovsky's in matching the sheer volume of Prokofiev's tremendous climax there.

The orchestra, thank heaven, is the Maryinsky Theatre's own, with Boris Gruzin conducting, and in the Coliseum's acoustic, it does the music full justice.

Presumably later performances will have shorter intermissions. Two at 35 to 40 minutes each on opening night gave ample time for spotting what may be a record number of errors, omissions, inconsistencies and misspellings in the programme book and cast list.

DEE CONWAY



Giving each movement a meaning: Nina Ananiashvili as Juliet dances with her prospective suitor Paris (Makharbek Vaziev) at the ball

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I'd love to hug you, but I fear you'd break

A large burly man with mutton-chop whiskers, cheerily strumming a banjo, processes through the Alzheimer's ward of a northern hospital, serenading each lady in turn. "Oh, you beautiful doll, you great big beautiful doll," he sings good-naturedly, over and over, hoping to encourage a glimmer of recognition in the cruelly obliterated minds of these shrunken people.

It is pretty hopeless, obviously. But then one woman sings along — and although her words are gibberish, her rhythm and phrasing are perfect. Then another woman dances, clapping her long bony hands. She looks uncharacteristically happy: she remembers the beat, she steps in time. Rhythm, it seems, is the last thing to go.

The pity of this, and of much else in last night's ScreenPlay Special: *Black Poppies for the Bride* (BBC2), was profound. Written by the poet Tony Harrison, with music by Dominic Muldowney (director: Peter Symes), *Black Poppies* was that rarity in television drama now: a writer's original, personal insight into simple human tragedy. In its quiet, challenging way, it was magnificent.



Harrison: effective

It took the real-life stories of four or five Alzheimer's sufferers and used popular tunes — "Daisy, Daisy", "Oh, You Beautiful Doll" and "In the Bleak Midwinter" — to bridge the vast chasm separating their former and latter selves. It may sound obvious, to say "these women were not always like this", but the trouble is, it is still impossibly hard to take in. Muriel Prior used to be "ever so clever"; but if she speaks now, she says: "I love you, I love you, I love you." Kathleen Dickenson, the woman who claps for the banjo player, formerly went mountaineering with her husband. She rode in his motorbike sidecar.

Black Poppies was never sentimental; it just pegged away at the terror of the wiped-clean personality left behind when Alzheimer's destroys memory and identity in one fell swoop.

Muriel Allen, who now spends her days absently drumming a beat on the lino with her sneakers, flapping a curtain, rolling her tongue and patting her hair, was once herself a therapist.

Music reminds us of who we are — or at least, that was the idea behind this piece. The script for the dramatic parts of *Black Poppies* was set to music (to "Daisy, Daisy" in a dirge-like minor key, Harrison provided "Mu-riel, Al-len, a thera-pist like me: Now beyond, all forms of ther-a-py"). Even more effectively, young singers dressed in replicas of pre-war wedding gowns paraded along hospital corridors and sang about the lives of these individuals: their mountaineering, making lace, whatever. Each performance ended as the bride stepped through the swing doors into living oblivion, eerily represented by snowfalls of multi-coloured confetti.

Several of these women had music in their lives: Kathleen played the piano and accordion, Irene was a "crooner", Maria Tobin was an opera singer, whose 1950 recording of *Madam Butterfly* haunted the film. Maria's repertoire has dwindled now to a single note from *Butterfly* — a pure thrilling vibrato A, with a dying fall — which periodically she intones in the ward, when the others are tunelessly tapping, drumming, shouting, or scratching at the locked door.

Maria even sings this last, wonderful remnant of an A to the relatively talentless man with the banjo. She is like a prophetess, a white-haired Cassandra rising up to warn him operatically ("Woe!") that this terrible thing happens to anyone. But the trouble is, nobody will believe her.

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Part of their continuing project to record for Deutsche Grammophon the seven mature Mozart operas, this was billed as a concert performance. In the event, it was anything but. Acoustic panels based on an 18th-century Fragonard interior formed the backdrop to a production more physically active and dramatically cogent than many framed by a regular proscenium. Yet nowhere in the programme was any director or member of the production staff credited.

Every corner of the Queen Elizabeth Hall's space was used. Wedding parties processed up and down the aisles, the Monteverdi Choir showed themselves capable of a mean fandango, Paul Antonio and his geraniums surfaced from a bosky corner, and Figaro listened to Susanna's nocturnal "Deh vieni" crouched in among the orchestral players, coiled and ready to unleash his fury on almost every unsuspecting woman in sight.

All this added greatly to the fun; yet, ultimately, it seemed hardly necessary. Every second of this single day of caprice and folly was lived to the full in the pacing, phrasing and articulation of every player and singer. There have been times when Eliot Gardiner's Mozart has seemed like the robust running of an exquisitely tuned machine. Increasingly, though, it has become warmer — more malleable and more expansive, without losing any of its minutely observed detail.

That detail lives in the emotional nudging of accent and ornament, and in the matching of woodwind soloists to the shifting tints of the human voice. Now, though, there is red-hot passion in every exclamation, and a sense of chill apprehension in each pause. When the Count, sword in hand, confronts the Countess in Act II, the strings' bows become rapiers; when Cherubino (Pamela Helen Stephen) sings his tremulous "Voi che sapete", he bewitches not only the audience, but the Countess (the delectable Hillevi Martinpelto) as well.



Eliot Gardiner: new expansiveness in interpretation

This is a cast truly worthy of recorded documentation. The Figaro is Bryn Terfel, already deeply under the skin of a role he makes very much, and very dynamically, his own. The ready temper that flares from his richly expressive bass-baritone is matched by both the sensuous energy of Alison Hagley's glowing Susanna and the latent violence of the American baritone, Rodney Gilfry's Count.

This admirably matched young team is lit from within by the flair of old troupers like Carlos Feller as Bartolo and Francis Egerton's incomparably witty Basilio and Don Curzio. There is one further performance tonight: cancel all previous engagements.

HILARY FINCH

Tongue as well as tin in cheek

How To Shop: The Lecture
Regent's College, Regent's Park

BOBBY Baker ends up suspended from a hook in a huge carrier bag with a ridiculous cardboard halo strapped around her forehead. Yet twirling slowly in space against a back projection of celestial clouds she manages, as always, to be simultaneously risible and transcendant. How she got there, heaven knows. She started off behind a lectern giving a talk on supermarket shopping and illustrating her points with slides of the Co-op in Croydon.

There is a link, although Baker loves to leave you hanging about just how tenuous that link is. *How To Shop* correlates consumerism with the soul's quest for bliss. Charting your way around Sainsbury's is the modern equivalent of *Pilgrim's Progress*. En route from the fruit and veg to the bakery by the check-out, you can apparently stock up on humility, obedience, patience, joy, courage, compassion and love.

This is partly a spoof on obscure Christian allegories: parsley, that's for humility, anchovies are for obedience, an apple is for joy and so on. Baker's comic brilliance springs from her madcap illogicality and her imagination careers around like a trolley with a wonky wheel. Making ecstatic sounds, she spreads shaving foam on her stomach. She does cookery demonstrations. On video she turns into a corkscrew and is seen swimming naked in a red sea of wine. Elsewhere she dances to "When The Boat Comes In" with a can of fish jammed in her mouth. Is this a new brand of comedy: not just tongue but tin in cheek?

Baker's performance art, however, slips serious points into her surreal stand-up routine. Even as she mocks the housewife's concerns, she laments and, curiously, celebrates them. She jabs at shopping's triviality yet invests it with spiritual significance. The final sharing of garlic croutons with the audience may satirise Holy Communion. Nevertheless one senses it is not to be taken solely with a pinch of salt.

Sometimes *How To Shop* is silly or unoriginal: the film sequence of a trolley race around a superstore, for example. The show's home-grown style feeds into the humour but the two obviously fake spectators are simply not good actors. Baker's performance, though, is unobtrusively complex. Amid breathy effusiveness are glimmers of a battleaxe. Through the stalwart cheeriness one sees traces of a sad insecurity. *How To Shop* is not quite as poignant and personal as previous pieces, such as *Kitchen Show*, but her work has lost none of its charm, hilarity or utter crankiness. Bobby Baker is good enough to eat.

KATE BASSETT

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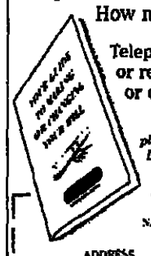
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Life on the dark side of the moon


JOHN VOOS

Anita Brookner: solitary lives of gloomy women are her speciality, but her latest work exceeds even her previous levels of pessimism

The heroine of the new Brookner novel is seen as the victim of a feminist dilemma; really she is just a misery, says Gill Hornby

Anita Brookner is well-established as the anatomist of a particular form of female melancholy: that of smart, grey ladies, leading lonely, monochrome lives. So to read a Brookner novel and complain about the presence of gloomy spinsters is like reading a Western and objecting that it is full of cowboys. But with this latest work, she exceeds even her previous levels of pessimism.

A Family Romance is set square on typical Brookner territory: mansion block flats, afternoon bridge parties, solitary holidays abroad, endless cups of tea. The heroine has very little in the way of family, and romance is in short supply.

Jane Manning's childhood is emotionally secure. She is financially very comfortable. At 18, it is assumed that she will go to Cambridge, work in publishing, pass a pleasant, interesting life. But that is never Brookner's way. Instead, on the death of her father, Jane surrenders, without a struggle, to a different, bleaker destiny — of spinsterhood and Brooknerian gloom — that simply strains credulity.

The central relationship is between prim, plain Jane and her exotic aunt Dolly, a once-glamorous creature of European extraction and ample appetites. When the story opens, the child Jane recognises that "to be with Dolly was to feel far from home". By the close, Dolly is the nearest thing that Jane has to a home. In Brookner's sad world, most relationships, in the end, come down to circumstance.

Dolly is of a previous generation, and of harsher beginnings, and she views Jane's wilfully miserable progress with tetchy bewilderment. "Charm, Jane, charm," is her constant reminder. She is a "woman of her age". To her, a man is everything — bread and butter, a roof over one's head — and sex is something that matters.

Jane, however, is more complicated. She has her own flat, her own income, a career and a reputation. To complete the picture, for her to be a woman of her age, she feels she ought to have a partner, to be "sharing household chores with some cheerful fellow in jeans and a shirt ironed by himself". But she cannot quite believe in the ideal modern relationship. Although adopted by feminists, she has her doubts about them. Engrossed in her work in children's literature, she prefers to believe in fairy tales.

A FAMILY ROMANCE
By Anita Brookner
Jonathan Cape, £14.99

Jane Manning is the book's real weakness: a dislikeable heroine. She is a self-confessed prig, with a "disconsolate air".

The story starts in her early childhood and ends somewhere in her thirties yet it is narrated throughout in the same off-putting voice: an arch loquacity more typical of a woman in her seventies. The great irritation is that she is held up by Brookner as the emotional victim of a feminist dilemma, when really she is just a misery. "Men don't like a glum expression," Dolly warns Jane at one point.

There is something of a chicken and egg situation with regard to men and the glumness of Anita Brookner heroines: are they glum because there are no men about, or are there no men about because they are so glum? Certainly, they are thin on the ground. A man is something that deserts, divorces, disappoints or, if none of the above, dies.

The one successful romantic relationship depicted here, between Jane's parents, is marked by an almost unreal purity, a "rapt communion ... untainted by any gross manifestation of sexuality". It is when death comes between them that Jane's world falls apart, and this memory that haunts her.

It is at the moments of real pathos that Brookner is at her most heart-wrenching, and her best: the death of Jane's father, for instance, with "his eyes filled with light and with longing", or the "euphoria" of his widow's new grief. It is with Jane herself that one's sympathy becomes stretched.

At one point Brookner gives voice to the disappointment which she feels is at the heart of most female lives: "Why must it be like this? A more romantic way would have been so much better." It is precisely the complaint that even her fans might justifiably level at *A Family Romance*.

Spider man in dodo land

Pico Iyer

THE WEATHER IN ICELAND
By David Profumo
Picador, £13.99


Profumo: acid-washed prose

Even in its years of imperial decline, the one thing England continues to produce is eccentrics. In the gross national production of oddities, in fact, Britannia could still be said to rule the waves. It is hard to imagine someone writing a book on Italian eccentrics or Peruvian eccentrics, as Edith Sitwell famously did with the English; and it seems only apt that most of her prize specimens were denizens of the upper classes who, exiled by history and removed by nature, were free to cultivate their gardens — and their weeds — in private. "Upper-class" seems to go with "twit" as surely as "fruit" goes with "nut".

David Profumo's quirky and prickly second novel is almost a commemoration of that principle. It consists, ostensibly, of the highly distempered and scabrous memories of one Dr Richard Slide, the eighth Duke of London, now living in Switzerland. The time is 1998, three years after an uprising has turned the United Kingdom into the "British Republic" (and converted the sceptred isle into a kind of militarised theme park). From his anonymous haunt on the continent, Slide plumbs identity and memory in an unhinged manner somewhat reminiscent of Graham Swift (not coincidentally, perhaps, Profumo's collaborator in an earlier anthology of fishing literature). But even more to the point, this moderately deranged mandarin, with a pronounced nasty streak and an interest in spiders, looking back on the country houses of his youth, brings Nabokov to mind. This, however, is Nabokov as inverted by a post-modernist mind; Brideshead, you might say, as seen by Lord Marchmain.

For the progress through nursery, prep school, Eton and Oxford that Slide recalls is a grisly tour through a bestiary full of loonies, lushes, paedophiles and mole-catchers. And though there is some nostalgia for the rites of shooting season and Christmas, and a "vanished order of rural England, rinsed with birdsong and latticed with sunlight", the details of that world are almost unremittingly horrid, evoked with a ferocious bite that recalls an earlier Swift. Eton, for example, is one onanistic mess of "grobian" horrors, "papuliferous" boys and "uranist window-shoppers". Sixteen-year-old girls are ritually deflowered by their fathers. The inventor of the concentration camp, says Profumo, was Lord Kitchener.

And yet, for all that, there is a sense that this barbarous and perverted world is better than no world at all. In 1998 England, character has been guillotined at the hands of efficiency, and Slide, from his exile, does not trouble to conceal his contempt for "the information sickness", the "Filofax classes", and the "blame industry".

Iceland, to which Profumo devotes one wonderfully full and zesty chapter, is almost a model of the superannuated aristocracy; a foul and useless dodoland, yet never without idiosyncrasy. And the weather in Iceland is a metaphor for life as Profumo sees it: a mass of terrible discomforts endured under unpredictable — and almost unbearable — skies that nonetheless mock the pseudo-science of weathermen and the gleaming surfaces of our increasingly generic world.

Some parts of this eschatology are a little familiar, and not always pulled off with consistency (thus Slide makes a point of noting that there is no longer an apostrophe in the "Visitors Reception Centre" his home has become, and yet, earlier in the book, an apostrophe is there). But the most striking thing about the novel is the furious energy of its acid-washed prose.

A style that mixes 18th-century bile with video-game surfaces inevitably brings to mind Nabokov's disciple, Martin Amis (even upper-class mothers, for Profumo, are "superbabes in Ferragamo pumps and origami dresses"). But here, the very skewed ornamentation of the diction has a point: it is a memorial to all the things that are being lost in a world without texture. Thus the rococo 23-line sentences, the explosions of bombast, the typical paragraph encrusted with words such as "nictication", "gelogenic", and "kakistocracy" are all ways of celebrating that most endangered of species, sensibility. You can always count on a madman (as Nabokov might have said) for a fancy prose-style.

Although it does raise the ghosts of better-known contemporaries, *The Weather in Iceland* is, in the end, an original work, gnarled and hybrid, and its interpolated sections of the history of barbed wire, and spiders, and apples, give it a curious character: a *Bildungsroman* crossed with a novel of ideas and turned into a dystopian elegy to a hideous world that at least has the conviction of its hideousness.

Despite a surprising number of syntactical slips ("And, like most men, my capacity for self-delusion approached the infinite"), it is written with care and specificity. It is certainly an odd fish — a curmudgeonly rake's progress through a dying England that never tries to be agreeable — but its strength is that it never sentimentalises what we are losing. Profumo is close enough to the fading order to have no illusions about it, and yet to mourn with impenitent vigour its passing.

Thieving for Baghdad

Peter Stothard

HONOUR AMONG THIEVES
By Jeffrey Archer
HarperCollins, £15.99

Linda Lovelace did it. So did Winston Churchill and the racing commentator Julian Wilson. Now we have Sir Edward Heath, secretary of state Warren Christopher, the novelist Vikram Seth and the CNN journalist Bernie Shaw — all starring for a few brief lines in a novel by Jeffrey Archer.

Among British fiction writers few are more famous than Archer for keeping the pages turning. But among his many dizzying fantasies of plot he has always relished his brushes with reality. The central story of *Honour Among Thieves* is a plan by Saddam Hussein to humiliate Bill Clinton. How? By stealing the American Declaration of Independence. It is an extravagant romp — possibly his best. But within it President Clinton's allergies to pollen and punctuality are related with loving accuracy: his Saddam glowers; Saddam's butchers butcher; even low-level US bureaucrats turn up at meetings with their real names unaltered.

The reader is given other useful truths about Washington (such as how much longer it takes to get into the State Department than into the CIA headquarters) and fun-food for speculation (including how Sir Edward Heath once helped Mossad learn Saddam Hussein's security arrangements). Mixed up among all this fact are the necessary wholly fictional characters: an actor whose face is painfully carved to look like Bill Clinton's, a beautiful Israeli spy, a handsome American spy, a drunken calligrapher, a mobster-for-hire whose bills run to $100 million and a lady in a Laura Ashley dress who breaks necks with shopping-bag handles.


Lord Archer: casting an expert eye on the politically devious

Even one day after finishing this book, I cannot remember the names of these imagined people. But then I doubt if I am intended to. I do remember well what happened to them all — every movement of man and manuscript and expensive metal from New York to Baghdad and back again.

Archer's novels are notoriously successful. His gift is to stimulate a greater interest in what happens next than in what is happening now. Jealous rivals ask why so many millions of readers stay so interested and how such success can possibly happen. There is no answer to questions like that. But there is one essential quality of a Jeffrey Archer novel which gives a clue. Each individual in this book, despite great appearance of action, is, in fact, forever acted upon. Archer will not appeal to those who believe in the impact of character upon events. But he will continue to attract those (the rather greater number) who see life not as doing but being done to.

The author is especially truthful about politics: he describes deviousness with rare recollection. He wields a sharp but not unkind shaft at those whose critical reputations are somewhat firmer than his own. When he mentions Vikram Seth's fashionable epic, *A Suitable Boy*, it is as the book which an Israeli agent buys and "pretends" to read during an exchange of information at an airport bookstall.

There is some mild and standard romantic interest. Hero and heroine meet, love and almost die together from time to time. Bertha is the most memorable creation in this book, the one whom even the fiercest critic would judge as three-dimensional. She is lovingly handled by her admirers at all times. She responds only to one man's voice and handprint. She is dark and loyal, nine feet tall, seven feet wide and eight feet deep. She would be a worthy mistress of any Archer male if she were not a nuclear-bomb-proof safe.

Music of the future

Tom Hutchinson

SING THE BODY ELECTRIC
A Novel In Five Movements
By Adam Lively
Chatto & Windus, £15.99



Adam Lively is fortunate in his sponsors. After all, it does no harm to have plaudits from Salman Rushdie and Antonia Byatt extolling you in the recent Best of Young British Writers' promotion. Theirs is the kingdom of power to bestow glory, if not a final judgment.

That comes with readership response, which may falter at first. While there is a mesmerising momentum about the way Lively tries to communicate musical ecstasy, his shifting styles do get in the way of a narrative that needs all the straightforwardness it can get.

Set slightly into the future, it begins with a fraudulent overture, as the composer Paul Clearwater — all bellyaching bellicosity about art and nature — is caught in the struggle between fishermen and middle class in the resort of Wellfleet, an enclosed world of William Morris chintz hiding polite corruptions.

But then the author picks our pockets of the expectations he places there by a revelation that has Wellfleet in the same context as New Venice, a vast metallic community from which Paul has fled. It draws him back, though; he returns to take musical advantage of the Neuorch, a kind of Walkman on speed, by which everyone can project instinctive music. After Virtual Reality, Aural Actuality.

But, before that encounter, Paul has a Damascene crisis via a love-affair which sets him up for what is to come in New Venice: a Mozartian intrigue manipulated by a devilish producer ("Revolution is the highest form of political theatre"). He makes mind-games out of mind-music.

So Paul's exploration of sound ends with a whimper, not a bang: a pilgrim's regress to Wellfleet and a full circle for his music of the spirit to sexual origins. It is a diminuendo of purpose to leave the heart desolate.

The story's many ideas rattle like pebbles on a groundswell of despair at all aspirations compared with the music of nature. But the five-prong approach — with tines ranging from epistolary to outsider's viewpoint — never forces that issue strongly enough. And Paul, out of reach in his mobile ivory tower hovering between two utopias, is only an endearing prig.

It is, though, the song not the singer that matters here. And Adam Lively, while fumble-fingered with his instruments, still orchestrates an involving experience. We believe in his world, if not Paul.

Outposts of the literary empire

Alison Roberts

THE FACTS BEHIND THE HELSINKI ROCCAMATIOS and other stories
By Yann Martel
Faber, £14.99

WINTER HUNGER
By Ann Tracy
Virago, £5.99 pbk original

I THINK WE SHOULD GO INTO THE JUNGLE
By Barbara Anderson
Secker & Warburg, £8.99 pbk original

WAR CHILD
By Stephen Gray
Serif, £9.99 pbk original

Nothing could match the praise lavished on Vikram Seth's huge work, *A Suitable Boy*. And the column inches filled with wonder at the writing coming from "former colonies" contrasts starkly with scathing appraisals of the "20 best young British novelists". A raft of new books from writers in Canada, New Zealand and South Africa do provide something different — not necessarily *better*, but less introverted, perhaps more naive, than the Granta 20.

Yann Martel's short stories are experimental, sometimes shocking. The title story is about a young Canadian dying of Aids and his platonic relationship with the narrator. The only way to get Paul through the long, painful days in and out of hospital is to take him out of his body. The two college friends develop a separate world of the imagination — they create a dynastic saga revolving around the made-up Roccamatio family in Helsinki. Each episode, told in turn on sequential hospital visits, has to relate to a 20th-century event.

Martel intersperses real-life detail of Paul's decline with an italicised version of the historical episode chosen and the boys' fictional response. "*1910 — Japan, increasingly militaristic and expansionist, annexes Korea and begins a program of development and attempted assimilation.* I launch the Roccamatios into Helsinki municipal politics."

It is cleverly done: Paul's mood-swings turn the saga black and desperate as he chooses episodes from the worst of 20th-century history as his imaginative spur. His suffering is here and now, agonising and final — *and* it is the latest in a long line of human trial, mythologised and impossible truly to know. Some of the episodes chosen by the narrator inject a well-timed bathos into the tale. The invention of the ballpoint pen and the creation of Mickey Mouse are juxtaposed with the later 20th-century technology of medical tests and Aids treatment. This is undoubtedly the best of Martel's stories, leaving a powerful and curious aftertaste of guilt mixed with sadness.

Ann Tracy has written a superbly chilling first novel about Canada. An early sense of reader security is punctured with increasing regularity, despite a number of clues which are obvious at the end.

The Hooper family — Alan the anthropologist, his beautiful wife Diana and their small son, Cam — move to the freezing far north of Canada to study the native environment of an Indian reserve on Wino Day Lake. Increasingly caught up in sinister layers of savage myth and cannibal legend, the Hoopers' close family unit falls apart dramatically and the still primitive Chipewayan culture swallows the advanced westerners, almost literally. A sense of claustrophobia, even when horizons cannot be seen and people are few, is well evoked in straight, gimmick-free prose.

Barbara Anderson's short stories are nuggets of observed Kiwi behaviour. The writing looks sparse on the page: short sentences and lots of dialogue bring quirky, characterful communities to life. There is no denouement in these tales; they often just peter out, leaving a scene or relationship unresolved — a bit like real life. But her lack of decorum is invigorating.

War Child, by the South African Stephen Gray, is less convincing. A British businessman returns to the South Africa in which he was stranded as a child during the second world war. Flashbacks recreate that lost colonial world of superstitious African nannies and hardened white working men. The novel's nostalgia fails to engage, however, and the drama comes too late.

Tale of two cultures

Daniel Johnson

OCCAM'S RAZOR
By Maureen Duffy
Sinclair-Stevenson, £14.99

William of Occam was a medieval English philosopher who argued, against the tendency of others in his epoch to lose themselves in a profusion of abstractions, that universal terms were not real entities, but merely names ("nominalism"). His insistence on eliminating unnecessary concepts ("Occam's razor") is often seen as a precursor of modern empiricism.

What, you may well ask, has Occam to do with a thriller set in present-day London, about two widowers — one born in Italy, the other in Ireland — who find their families pursued by Mafia racketeers and Irish terrorists?

Well, there is a link, to reveal which would spoil the story; but it is tenuous and, when it comes, falls flat. Still less probable is the notion that either hero — the restaurateur Orazio Carbone or the electrician Pearse Noonan — would have understood Maureen Duffy's erudite references. Unlike her, however, they would have mastered the rules of chess, the game that brought the two together and which serves as a metaphor for the battle against their persecutors.

Leaving aside its over-elaborate symbolism, this is a fluent and intelligent tale of two cultures. Maureen Duffy is perhaps too fond of the flashback and the excursus, which inevitably slow down the action; but the first person accounts of Orazio's and Pearse's youth include passages of great charm. When she writes about the internment of Italian civilians during the war, or about the recruitment of Irish youths to fight for Franco in Spain, the author is in her element.

Her handling of dialogue is less certain, however, in the more topical scenes, such as Orazio's adventures among the down-and-outs or Pearse's encounters with his son's terrorist ex-friends. I tried to believe in Lady Pritchard, the left-wing academic widow who helps her handyman's son to the extent of risking arrest; but however much Maureen Duffy may identify with this unnecessary entity, to me she had a merely nominal existence. Lively, original and provocative, this would nevertheless have been a better novel if the eponymous razor had been applied more ruthlessly.

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Butskell to Selsdon and back again

Robert Blake on a critical life of the great chief whip who failed to challenge the consensus as prime minister

To write the biography of an eminent living politician is not easy, especially if he declines — quite understandably — to grant personal interviews or access to his papers. Sir Edward Heath is reserving these for his memoirs, but he has made no difficulties for his self-appointed biographer, nor discouraged friends from talking to him. John Campbell's life of F. E. Smith was generally acclaimed as definitive. His life of a very different character (how Heath and F. E. would have hated each other!) can only be an interim work, but being in no way beholden to his subject, he can be critical.

A biographer who owed a debt of gratitude could hardly write: "There is in Ted Heath a strong element of Mr Toad." In fact the author is sympathetic as well as critical. His book, though too long and repetitive, is the best study to have appeared so far of one of the more enigmatic prime ministers of recent times.

When Edward Heath, who had been a superlative chief whip, became Conservative leader in August 1965, his election was widely regarded as a blow for meritocracy in a party normally led by scions of the landed class. Yet, although the previous four leaders could be thus described, Churchill, Eden, Home certainly — with Macmillan an honorary member — Tory meritocracy was not new. Neither Chamberlain, Baldwin nor Bonar Law had aristocratic connections. Nor, in an earlier generation, had Disraeli and Peel.

The Conservative party wants to win and is not too choosy about the social class of the winner. In Heath they did pick a winner for the crucial general election of 1970 (he was reckoned to have no chance in 1966). He succeeded against all the predictions of the media, the "experts" and the opinion polls. It was a personal triumph comparable to John Major's in 1992. It was, however, destined to be a one-off.

The difficulty was that he had won on a prospectus in which he did not really believe and which he accepted against his better judgment. This was the programme agreed by the shadow cabinet at Selsdon Park in late January 1970. It was ridiculed by Harold Wilson when he referred to "Selsdon Man" and described it as "not just a lurch to the right but an atavistic desire to reverse the course of 25 years of social revolution".

Unluckily for Wilson, this was just what a large section of the electorate wanted. By giving it quite unnecessary publicity, his attack backfired. The main points of Selsdon — tax cuts, trade union reform, law and order, and immigration control — were highly popular. Coupled with promises to abandon a statutory incomes policy and industrial intervention, they probably won Heath the election.

EDWARD HEATH
By John Campbell
Jonathan Cape, £20

But the impression was given of a far more "Thatcherite" policy (as it would later be called) than Heath intended. The U-turns which he made in office seemed to him pragmatic adaptations of a general corporative consensus outlook inherited from Eden and Macmillan. To the Selsdon enthusiasts, they seemed betrayals of a promise to make the new departure for which the electors had voted.

"It was a fatal error," writes the author, "for Heath to allow himself to be thought to have more radical intentions than in fact he had. He ended up between two stools, convincingly neither one thing nor the other: a fierce bark with no intention to bite — but the bark was enough to antagonise those he sincerely wanted to make 'social partners' in his new competitive/co-operative Britain." As a result neither the policies which he started in 1970-71, nor those to which he returned in 1972-74, carried conviction. "Heath's failure in government stemmed from this confusion." It was enhanced by the bad timing of the 1974 election, which should either have been earlier or much later.

The confusion gave colour to the later view that he had favoured the same anti-consensus policies for which his much-hated (by him) successor stood in 1979. The difference was that she had the courage of her convictions and really did roll back the frontiers of government, crush the unions, reduce taxes and encourage free enterprise, whereas he did not. This is perhaps unfair, if one accepts the author's view that these never were Heath's convictions and that he was persuaded to proclaim them without believing in them.

Either explanation marks a contrast with Margaret Thatcher. No wonder he has never come to terms with his defeat in the leadership contest in 1975. But he might have accepted it with a better grace than he did. His behaviour was very different from that of previous displaced leaders, such as Balfour after 1911 and Alec Home after 1965; the latter was particularly helpful to Heath himself.

The 18 years since his defeat have been a busy, energetic but increasingly bitter twilight, when at times people wondered how he could remain a Conservative at all.

His private life has not been one of unchequered happiness. He adored his mother, who died in 1951, but was ambivalent towards his father who two years later remarried just the sort of fussy talkative woman Heath disliked. He arrived an hour-and-a-half late for the wedding. She did look after his father, who died in 1982, but she then became an alcoholic. He had a terrible year in 1974, losing two elections and his yacht, with the tragic death of a godson.

Yachting is usually regarded as a rich man's sport. People have wondered how he could afford an activity at which he became so proficient. But he netted £300,000 from his books, and as the author observes: "Heath is distinctly good at getting other people to pay for his major expenses." Certainly his later years in a beautiful house in the close of Salisbury Cathedral have been comfortable, indeed luxurious.

He remains a puzzling character. How much light his memoirs will shed on his career remains to be seen. If one were to make an interim judgment, it might be: "A great chief whip, an ambivalent and ultimately unsuccessful prime minister and a very, very bad loser."

Among Lord Blake's many books are Disraeli *(Methuen) and* The Conservative Party from Peel to Thatcher *(Fontana). Provost of Queen's College, Oxford, 1968-1987, he stood in the 1987 election for the Chancellorship of Oxford University against Sir Edward Heath and Lord Jenkins; the latter won.*



When the music stopped: Heath's piano is removed from 10 Downing Street three days after his March 1974 defeat



Edward Heath as prime minister, with Jeremy Thorpe and Harold Wilson, July 1970

Love in a time of war

Tanya Sillem

NIGHT SHALL OVERTAKE US
By Kate Saunders
Century, £9.99

This is a tale of female heroism, and Kate Saunders proves that you cannot put a good woman down. Around the turn of the century four schoolgirls pledge eternal friendship. Their promise is tried and tested over ensuing decades as each finds love, loses it and finds it again, sometimes at each others' expense. Theirs is a voyage of sexual discovery through the stormy seas of the early women's movement and the first world war.

Aurora Carlington, or Rory, with her flaming red hair and temperament to match is our Anglo-Irish heroine. Her nickname is only one of many forays into the world of men. She flirts with pacifism, becomes a suffragette and later a nurse on the Western front.

Above all rebel Rory is the cat among the pigeons of English society from which two of at least of her school friends, Eleanor and Francesca, are drawn. The third, Jenny, is the governess daughter of an Edinburgh vicar, who pines for a rich husband. By the time she snares him, however, she has realised, too late, the virtues of her own class and of earning a living.

Jenny is the prototype of the career woman whose aspirations are to be smothered by marriage and motherhood. The lives of all four women are thrown into turmoil by the outbreak of the war. But if Rory and Jenny are exercised by the choices the conflict all too briefly offers their sex, not so Eleanor and Francesca. Theirs is only the ballroom battlefield of unrequited or unconsummated love. Both are cheated of happiness by their appalling choice of sadistic or ineffectual men, and the war does not help matters.

Needless to say, night does overtake the quartet if only temporarily. As the war progresses, first virginities, then husbands and lovers are lost, but love is found en route and all ends happily. This is no small relief after 640 pages of sex, suspense and rip-roaring romance.

Like all good blockbusters this one is mainly about plot, and the speed with which it accelerates barely leaves time to digest one major development before it is overtaken by another.

Night Shall Overtake Us should be the thinking woman's answer to Mills and Boon, if only she had time to read it. If Kate Saunders had dispensed with her lightly-sketched secondary characters and not a little historical padding, she may have had a contender. Even so, the historical detail is impressive and her portrait of life in the trenches aptly grim. The fortunes of her four protoganists are certainly seen through a late 20th-century lens and the result is an engaging pastiche of the genre.

Tanya Sillem presents the BBC's Breakfast News.

Soho up the spout

Walter Ellis

ROBINSON
By Christopher Petit
Cape, £8.99 pbk original

There is a peculiar, pre-war feel to the opening pages of this bizarre first novel. The evidence of the text suggests that we are in the present, but the atmosphere, menacing, monochromatic and heavy, has all the brooding qualities of a film noir.

Robinson, the central figure — a man with no known past — wears brightly polished Oxford brogues and a long, heavy overcoat. He carries wads of notes in a diamond-studded clip. The narrator, whom we shall call N, notionally lives in the outer suburbs and writes scripts for a shady film producer in Soho. When they meet, in a chance street encounter, Robinson establishes immediate dominance and draws his new friend into a seemingly glittering world of cocaine and booze, turning him almost overnight into a hopeless drunk, who takes to sleeping in a disused attic, absurdly explaining to his wife that he is away on business.

Trying to break free from Robinson's increasingly satanic influence, N starts drinking on his own in housing estates on the edge of town — a course of action not recommended by this reviewer. When he ends up spending his nights in Terminal Three at Heathrow, imagining himself "a gracious host at the end of a party", he realises, not unreasonably, that it is time to go on the wagon. Alas, there is no peace for the wicked, and soon he and a nameless bimbo are to be found, smashed, at yet another Gatsbyesque party, "clinging together like survivors of some terrible wreckage".

What it is that Robinson sees in our hero is never made entirely clear. N's wife, though, does not share his enthusiasm. After her errant husband has failed to return home for three days, she packs her suitcase and heads back to Boston. N muses on his marriage, then "in its third year of attrition", and recognises, too late, how little he has contributed.

Robinson drifts off to central Europe to indulge in a little art smuggling, and in his absence N attempts once more to go straight. Apart from a quiet pipe of opium in the evenings before bed, sometimes shared with the naked couple from the next room, he leads a blameless life. But then Svengali returns, and before long poor N is caught up making pornographic films involving an enslaved couple, Lotte and Iain, a bi-sexual bodybuilder called Toto, and Irma, a woman with a leg-brace and a built-up shoe.

Next, N's wife turns up again and they begin a secret affair, in which he is not allowed to refer to their past. Robinson, meanwhile, turns into a monster, simultaneously Citizen Kane and Harry Lime ("I piss on you all from a great height"), who first strangles Lotte in a sadistic rage and then turns on his "fixer". This is a bleak tale. Yet, though the symbolism is as subtle as a kneecapping and the "meaning" as ill-defined as the London fog clinging to the windowpanes of its final pages, it is well told, compelling and, somehow, sympathetic. Perhaps this is what happens when the world ignores John Major and Michael Fish at the same time. The gates of hell are out there, waiting, and they can be reached via Soho Square.

That missing spark

Peter Riddell

JOHN SMITH
Playing the Long Game
By Andy McSmith
Verso, £17.95

John Smith is highly intelligent, well-balanced, self-confident, considerate, amusing and reassuring. He is, in short, just the type of politician whom most voters would like to see in Downing Street and the opposite of the insecure, nervous and hypersensitive figures who usually end up there. Yet something is wrong. In nearly a year as Labour leader, he has failed to inspire either his party or the public.

Andy McSmith provides some of the answers, in part unintentionally. It is hard to write the biography of someone whose life has been one of hard work and solid achievement, rather than adventure, and whose old friends say he has not changed over the last 35 years. There are few diverting anecdotes. John Smith is no Alan Clark.

It is also hard to write a 276-page book about someone less than a year into his leadership. Within the inevitably perishable genre of campaign biographies, McSmith has done a solid and candid job — even though he tends to regard criticism of Labour from the perspective of a former party press officer (when he once shared a hotel bedroom with his subject). He is sometimes on shaky ground on policy and is best on party in-fighting.

John Smith emerges as a solid decent, family man, firmly rooted in his Christian values and his Scottish background. But the Labour leader also emerges as limited, both by these origins and his approach throughout his political career.

Smith is, above all, a broad church leader of the Labour party. He grew up in the right-wing establishment in Scotland which never suffered the scale of convulsions which affected the party in southern England in the 1980s. At heart, Smith believes that everything would be all right if England were like Scotland. While, as McSmith argues, Smith will be with the modernisers in the party every time, the question is rather whether he will offer a sufficient lead at an early enough stage.

With one important exception his approach has been the Labour party right or wrong. The exception was the key October 1971 vote on the principle of Britain's entry into the European Community when Smith was one of the 69, led by Roy Jenkins, who defied the Labour whip and voted in favour. It was his last act of rebellion.

It is not just that Smith did not even think of joining the SDP in 1981 as many of the other Labour pro-Europeans did. He was not alone in sticking with Labour. Much more significant is the low profile which Smith took during the party's fierce internal battles of the 1980s. McSmith writes, in relation to the arguments of 1981, "fortunately for him, he was not called upon to get his hands dirty." He was hardly involved in the battles over Militant "because he did not like internal feuds, and because he was not in the right place". He dislikes such in-fighting, and, unlike Neil Kinnock, he has also never wanted to confront the far-left. Indeed, he had, and has, good relations with many on the left since the mid-1970s when he worked for Tony Benn at the energy department.

Smith has many virtues, patience, detachment from day-to-day criticism and a long view. The trouble is that he can appear too detached. The decision at this autumn's party conference on whether to replace the trade union block with one member/one vote will test whether what McSmith describes as a "strategy of proceeding slowly, by consensus", will work.

Perils of the human body

Lucy Hughes-Hallett

THE WATERS OF THIRST
By Adam Mars-Jones
Faber, £14.99



Mars-Jones: large issues

After William and Terry's next-door neighbour has hacked his wrists with a meat-cleaver, his wife wipes the cleaver (Sabatier, brand-new) and takes it back to the Conran Shop where she exchanges it for a coffee-pot and a lasagne pan. William and Terry aren't particularly fond of the neighbours (the would-be suicide began acting a bit oddly once he'd worked out the nature of their relationship), but they share with them a preoccupation with the mechanics of food-preparation and an awful cheery pragmatism around the subject of death. Into this small novel Adam Mars-Jones has concentrated large issues of mortality, sacrifice and love: vacuum-packing them, as it were, by the astringency of his narrative manner.

William is the narrator. His style is chirpy, colloquial, with just a smidgeon of camp. He has a shudderingly acute awareness of physical sensation. An unctuous vicar strikes him as being "slimy as that felt-tip they hand you in the fishmonger's, to sign your cheque with". The bag that he keeps packed in the back of the car at all times contains three books, one on fell-walking, one on wine and the third a holiday brochure. Not a great reader, William, but not a drinker, hiker or traveller either. His may not be a particularly literary sensibility (though that of his creator is discernible in the lyrical rhythms of his prose), but he knows all about metonymy, the uses of fiction and the displacement of affect. His bedroom (Terry's is the scene of their regular morning fellatio) contains his archive, stack after stack of flesh magazines featuring an American porn-star cheekily named Peter Hunter.

William is dying, not of what you might expect (yes, this is a novel about Aids, but only partially and indirectly so) but of kidney failure. William's monologue appears to ramble cosily along; but in it, finickily juxtaposed, lie topics whose conjunction is shockingly illuminating.

Terry is dreadfully worried about the (exiguous) size of his penis: William, for rather better reason, is dreadfully worried about his kidney. William's obsession with pornography involves the fetishisation of each segment of Peter Hunter's anatomy, and William has another obsession, with bikers, one of whom may one day crash, be killed and become the kidney-donor who saves his (William's) life.

What begins by looking like a rather ordinary comic novel about a couple of gay men with a thing about dinner-parties ("The exact same menu at two dinner parties in a row. We exchanged glances of pure shock.") gradually introduces several troubling, problematically related themes connected with human bodies, one's own and those of others, and the savagery implicit both in eroticism and in the will to survive. This is a clever, alarming, thoughtful novel. To say that it leaves a sour taste is to pay tribute to its success.

JOHN MORTIMER
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Carling to stand by as Lions retain same side

FROM DAVID HANDS
RUGBY CORRESPONDENT
IN AUCKLAND

THEY were like rival armies yesterday: there, on Auckland's North Shore, sat New Zealand in a muted and slightly defensive position; on the south side of the harbour bridge were the British isles, ebullient at the thought that, on Saturday at Eden Park, they may become only the second Lions team to win a series in New Zealand — and only the fifth since New Zealand began international fixtures.

The Lions match squad has changed in only one respect from that which beat the All Blacks 20-7 in Wellington last Saturday. Will Carling has joined the replacements, displacing Stuart Barnes, on the basis that Anthony Clement provides cover for full back and stand-off half, leaving Carling as the better option should a centre be injured.

Given the poor displays by the midweek team in successive matches, there was no doubt that the XV would be unchanged: "We really didn't think we could improve greatly on the personnel ... so we have asked them to go out and repeat their performance, or do even better," Geoff Cooke, the party's manager, said yesterday.

"This is the biggest prize anyone in the British Isles can go for — a series win is a fairly rare event — but we are still playing against a very good side, very experienced in world rugby terms and used to winning at home. We have a psychological boost from winning the second international and hopefully there will be some roll-on effect."

ITV will have extended television coverage of the match, starting at 2am with behind-the-scenes views of the Lions' preparations.

BRITISH ISLES: A G Hastings (Watsonians, captain); I C Evans (Llanelli), I S Gibbs (Swansea), J C Guscott (Bath), R Underwood (Leicester/RAF), C R Andrew (Wasps), C D Morris (Orrell); N J Popplewell (Greystones), B C Moore (Harlequins), J Leonard (Harlequins), B B Clarke (Bath), M O Johnson (Leicester), M C Bayfield (Northampton), P J Winterbottom (Harlequins), D Richards (Leicester) Replacements: A Clement (Swansea), W D C Carling (Harlequins), R N Jones (Swansea), A P Bisnell (London Scottish), K S Milne (Heriot's FP), M C Teague (Moseley).

Lions can finish off with a roar

Gerald Davies, a member of the 1971 Lions, reflects on the challenge before Gavin Hastings's side in Auckland

This Saturday, 22 years on at Eden Park, Auckland, the British Isles have the chance to emulate the success of the 1971 Lions, who won an international rugby union series in New Zealand for the first time. The 1971 Lions drew the final international 14-14 having won two of the previous three matches in the series. Those who would do away with such a tour because of the new demands of the World Cup must surely think again, particularly here in New Zealand where the Lions mean so much.

Tradition remains strong, but time does ring the changes. It serves to remind that this year's shortened tour of 13 matches (in 1971 there were 24 matches) has introduced problems of a kind that the midweek games have served to highlight. On Tuesday, Waikato, the first division champions, were reduced, understandably in the view of Geoff Cooke, the Lions manager, but regrettably from the home team's standpoint, to an irrelevance. Only the international on Saturday mattered for the Lions. The shortcomings of the midweek team insisted this should be so. The provincial losses add acutely to Saturday's match in a way they did not in 1971, when none was lost.

The expectation of a Lions' tour has never stilled: the welcome — and it has been precisely that — never so heartfelt. The contests have been fought with barely a noticeable ripple of the violence that had often marred previous visits. Gone, too, are the potentially incendiary pre-match analyses. The first Test in 1971, in Dunedin, was pronounced at the time as something that might resemble Passchendaele. This was a graceless utterance and frightful to read in print. It may be that rugby, at last, is growing up or that New Zealand's once one-eyed passion for rugby has found its rightful perspective.

These Lions have it within them to win this series. The challenge was apparent from the first international, which they lost but only narrowly. The All Blacks exhibited an uncharacteristic hesitancy which has not been the case among the provincial teams. There is an uncertainty in the national team's style of play which, compounded, with their unusual capacity for mistakes, makes them look vulnerable.

New Zealand have always boasted a distinctive and recognisable pattern. The search for a pattern remains but it is not of the same kind. Once, they plied their trade close to the scrum or down the narrow midfield channels to find their way back to the source of their sustained strength in the back row. There was safety in close numbers and confidence in their percentage game, of possession and territory. It was a predictable game they played but, with their renowned power, it was unrelenting and unforgiving.



Regal work: Barry John shows the style at stand-off half for the 1971 Lions that made him the "King"

Crucially, they have lacked commanding leadership as well as an authoritative No 8 which, quite often, for the All Blacks was identified as one and the same person. If in response to All Black organisation, each of the Lions' backs of '71 was encouraged to express himself as an individual, ironically this week in the face of this year's Lions' supremacy in the second international at Wellington, it is of the All Blacks that such a call for individual expression has been made. The Lions this time have shown the capacity to match their power and more than match them for possession.

The '71 Lions won a first Test which they could have lost; the Lions of '93 lost it when they might have won. This year they have come from behind to draw level, whereas 22 years ago the early initiative was relinquished when they failed in the second Test. In both cases, the third become decisive. If the successful first Test gave Carwyn James the lead he wished as coach in 1971, he felt more comfortable of the eventual outcome after the loss in the second. Ian McGeechan, whose style of quiet persuasion so much resembles James, must have felt a similar confidence in his side's defeat.

Sensing the opportunity is one thing, grasping it is another. Resolve was strengthened in failure. The question is: have they enough left in reserve for the last obstacle? Having declared their hand and expected to have been analysed, have they a new trick or two besides? Are they desperate enough for a greater glory?

The only previous British Isles party to win a series in New Zealand was that of 1971, captained by John Dawes. Those Lions won 9-3 in Dunedin, lost 22-12 in Christchurch, won 13-3 in Wellington and drew the final international 14-14 in Auckland. Nineteen players appeared in those four games, 11 of them from Wales.

1971 LIONS IN INTERNATIONALS: J P R Williams (Wales), Gerald Davies (Wales), John Dawes (Wales, captain), Mike Gibson (Ire), John Bevan (Wales), David Duckham (Eng), Barry John (Wales), Gareth Edwards (Wales), Chico Hopkins (Wales), Ian McLauchlan (Scot), John Pullin (Eng), Sean Lynch (Ire), Delme Thomas (Wales), Willie John McBride (Ire), Gordon Brown (Scot), Peter Dixon (Eng), Derek Quinnell (Wales), Mervyn Davies (Wales) and John Taylor (Wales).

New wind blows for Olympic yachting

A FRESH strategy for training and selecting Britain's Olympic yachtsmen and women was adopted yesterday. The three-year plan laid by an Olympic steering group led by Mike McIntyre, the 1988 Olympic gold medal-winner, brings the selection trials forward 12 months ahead of the Games to ensure that a greater share of limited finances available to Royal Yachting Association (RYA) can be directed at the team.

The venue for the trials, which will last for two weeks rather than the previous one, will be chosen to match the conditions of the site of the Olympic regatta. Popular fleets, like the Laser singlehander and Mistral sailboard, will be limited to the number of entries expected at the Games, and entrants will be forced to pre-qualify at earlier events.

The RYA also plans to form a development squad, announced at the same time as the Olympic team, made up of sailors with the potential to win medals at the 2000 Olympics.

Top sprinters to meet

ATHLETICS: Linford Christie and John Regis will race head-to-head twice in one evening tomorrow. They will compete over 100 and 200 metres in the TSB match between Britain and the United States at Edinburgh. Christie was listed for the 100 metres only and Regis for the 200. But Regis asked to double up, so Christie asked to be put in the 200. Jason John has been moved to the 200 metres and Marcus Adam dropped. The British Athletic Federation is advertising for a chief executive to succeed Malcolm Jones. *Athletics Today*, the weekly magazine, is closing down.

Ellerston Black dazzle

POLO: Ellerston Black beat Labegorce 17-7 and the Black Bears beat C S Brooks 14-12 in challenges for the Davidoff Gold Cup, for the British Open championships, at Midhurst yesterday. Ellerston Black deployed the most formidable winning potential of any of this season's 14 entries and arguably the best 22-goal combination seen on English grounds. They are based on the Mexican duo, Carlos Gracida and Roberto González, closely supported by Jamie Packer at back and Roddy Williams at one, both of whom may be cheaply handicapped on their 3 ratings.

Whitaker in jump-off

EQUESTRIANISM: The jump-off in Aachen's second grand prix qualifier produced riding of the highest quality with a nail-biting finish. Out of 40 starters, 19 went clear, including John Whitaker and Mark Armstrong, of Britain. In the jump-off, Whitaker stood off the fences and produced a steeplechasing performance on Everest Gammon to take the lead by 1½ seconds. Then Franke Sloothaak, of Germany, gave Weihaiweij her head and cruised into a 1½-second lead, only to be overtaken by the only remaining rider, Rodrigo Pessoa, of Brazil, who risked everything on Special Envoy.

Stein joins Southend

FOOTBALL: Edwin Stein yesterday resigned as manager of Barnet and rejoined Barry Fry at Southend United. Stein has accepted the post of assistant manager and David Howell, the Barnet defender, has also joined Southend as player-coach. The departures could signal the end for Barnet, who are at least £1.3 million in debt. "My departure from Barnet after 12 years is tinged with sadness," Stein said. "But the demise of the club has left me with little alternative." Fry, the Southend manager, first offered Stein the post when he left Underhill. "I'm glad the old team's together," he said.

Course meets challenge

FROM JOHN HOPKINS, GOLF CORRESPONDENT, IN KILKENNY

THIS is the story of what happened on the day Toyota Tim met the Golden Bear: Tim Mahoney is not the world's best golfer and Jack Nicklaus is not the world's best car salesman, but selling Japanese cars in Ireland made Toyota Tim, as he is known, rich enough to engage Nicklaus to design a golf course for him. That was in 1987.

In July 1991, the Mount Juliet golf course was officially opened. Today, it stages its first European Tour event, the Carrolls Irish Open.

Mahoney went to Nicklaus with specific instructions. "I want you to build me a championship golf course that I can play," he said, "and I am an 18-handicapper."

Nicklaus has often moved heaven and charged the earth to build golf courses. At Mount Juliet, he might well have done the latter, but he did not need to do much of the former. God had beaten him to it. The 1,500-acre walled estate in which is buried The Tetrarch, said to be the fastest horse in the history of the turf, dates back to the Middle Ages and its streams and wooded acres give it a natural, dignified beauty.

Nicklaus was a constant visitor to the site of his first course in Ireland, in marked contrast to Arnold Palmer, who once opened a course he had designed and had to be told which way to drive on the first hole. Nicklaus made at least a half a dozen visits, often flying in by helicopter from Dublin, where he had landed in his own plane called Air Bear.

On one such visit, he was out on the course when a helicopter bearing some journalists landed nearby. Nicklaus was sitting in a ditch eating blackberries at the time and said to his visitors: "Welcome fellas. You've come to join me for lunch, have you?"

Nicklaus used to build courses that were so difficult only he could play them. He has mellowed in character since those days and his designs have softened too. No longer does he create monsters of inordinate length that can only be played by long, straight drivers who tended to move the ball from left to right as he once did.

He uses bunkers as defences, direction points and a means of breaking up the view and adding definition. There are 80 of them on this course. He relishes the opportunity to bring water into play because it challenges the nerve as well and water is indeed a feature on more than one-third of the 18 holes. By the time Severiano Ballesteros, Nick Faldo and Bernhard Langer, three of the favourites for this championship, have finished tangling with the 7,143-yard, par 72 course in Thomastown, ten miles from the city and county town of Kilkenny and three hours drive from Dublin, they know they will have been in a struggle.

Langer, though, is not certain to even make an attempt. He is suffering a recurrance of the neck trouble that hampered his challenge for the US Open a fortnight ago and, despite hopes that the problem had eased, he admitted yesterday: "When I started hitting balls again last weekend, the nagging pain came back.

"An osteopath has told me I've one locked joint on the left side and one on the right. It's restricting my head movement by 20 per cent and I'm getting muscle spasms. Everything is up in the air. If it feels terrible in the morning, I will not tee it up." Langer still managed to shoot a four-under par 68 in yesterday's pro-am at the course, but then spent the next 45 minutes receiving treatment.

Alfredsson defends her title

FROM PATRICIA DAVIES
IN COLOGNE

A FAMILY that made its name making cognac is always likely to take the long view of things and the Hennessy Cup, which starts today at the Golf und Landclub at Refrath, near Cologne, has benefited hugely from such traditional stickability.

The tournament is in its ninth year and Gilles Hennessy, who has nursed it towards maturity, is starting to be rewarded by quality of the highest order. For example, Helen Alfredsson, the Swede who has won the title for the last two years, is not just the defending champion here. She was rookie of the year in the United States last year and, in March, won the Nabisco Dinah Shore, the first major championship of the season.

It is an event whose prestige is not in question and in recognition of the startling successes of the European players in America, Hennessy has raised the prize-money to £200,000, an increase of £80,000 from last year. The winner will collect £30,000.

SPORTS LETTERS

Cricketing public does care

From Mr A. Lee

Sir, Contrary to the proposition put forward by David Miller (June 19), the British cricketing public does, in fact, mind passionately about the fate of our Test team.

We true enthusiasts for the game were all once youngsters with the smell of new-mown grass in our nostrils, mixed with the unmistakable odour of willow and added to by the sight of that cherry-red ball held in the hand or being stroked through the covers.

Nor were the long summer evening sessions, played until the ball could hardly be seen, entered into with such vigour and enthusiasm for nothing.

I suggest it was because the drug of the game had entered our souls through our boots from the native turf on which we played. Long may that continue, because only that way will our country be able to repeat some of the glories of past performances.

Yours faithfully,
A. LEE,
110 Kyrle Road, SW11.

From Mr Roger Davis

Sir, Since county cricket is felt, particularly by some Australians, to be such a poor preparation for Test matches, perhaps we could introduce some representative matches which could be regarded as England trials.

Such matches could include an under-25 match against the touring side, early in the season; a formal England trial; an England XI against the county overseas players and perhaps even a grudge match between the "London" counties and the rest.

Such matches would provide higher level competition and could attract good crowds.

Yours faithfully,
ROGER DAVIS,
10 Cadogan Park,
Woodstock,
Oxfordshire.

From Mr Mark Breslauer

Sir, If you can't beat them, select them.

Yours faithfully,
MARK BRESLAUER,
10 Woodlands Road,
Bushey, Hertfordshire.

Wimbledon crowd at fault

From Mr Bunny Austin

Sir, While in no way condoning the outburst from Pete Sampras after his match with Foster (report, June 29), it is entirely understandable. Sampras is one of the most sporting of players, one who comes nearest to treating those two imposters, triumph and defeat, just the same. But the behaviour of the Wimbledon crowd when one of the British is playing is quite unacceptable.

Long forgotten is the word "sportsmanship", at one time a golden characteristic of the championships. Every mistake of an opponent of a Briton is met with screams of delight; every double-fault loudly applauded.

Every player loves Wimbledon. Winning is the most coveted honour. The only thing that lets the championships down is the deafening screaming and yelling of the crowd when a Briton — or some great favourite — is on court.

Yours faithfully,
BUNNY AUSTIN,
Orford House,
Meadow Hill,
Coulsdon,
Surrey.

From Mr E. J. Williams

Sir, I recently enjoyed a visit to the UK from New Zealand. Last week I was surprised and dismayed to witness, on television, Patrick McEnroe abuse an umpire at Wimbledon, using an obscenity loudly and clearly for the crowd and the television audience to hear. Even more amazing was that initially he was unpunished.

If an All Black abuses a referee for his decision, he and his team are marched back ten metres to add to the penalty. If he were to utter an obscenity to the referee, he would be sent off the field and further punished by the football union. Indeed, we have seen All Blacks sent from the field in the UK for lesser offences.

It seems unreasonable to me that New Zealanders are severely punished in Britain for arguably rough offences in an undisputably very rough game, while others may pronounce vile obscenities to the whole world, in what is generally taken to be a gentlemanly game, without serious redress.

Yours faithfully,
E. J. WILLIAMS,
As from: Greenacre,
Green Island,
Dunedin, New Zealand.

Inherent danger

From Mrs Jane Davies

Sir, Hugh Thomas, chairman of the working party addressing the safety of cross-country fences, states (Sports Letters, June 24): "We have not so far received any evidence to indicate that table fences are inherently dangerous, particularly given the huge number of uneventful negotiations of such obstacles."

Although there appears to be some doubt as to the precise number of deaths, and regrettably no available record of the number and severity of injuries caused by attempting that type of obstacle over the past ten years, the fact that, in the past two years alone, four people have been killed falling at table fences is surely evidence enough to suspect an inherent danger.

Yours faithfully,
JANE DAVIES,
Little Woolpit,
Moon Hall Road,
Ewhurst, Cranleigh, Surrey.

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Tote problem

From Dr R. J. S. Thurston

Sir, The principal problem with the Tote Jackpot is that the basic £1 unit makes multiple permutation bets too expensive for many punters. The Scandinavian system, with a basic one kroner (10p) unit, generates massive pools nearly every day.

Punters are at liberty to increase their stake with multiple bets on a particular combination (eg, all the favourites), but should be allowed the option of large permutations at the smallest stake. The attraction of any jackpot is a potentially large return for a small outlay.

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Yours faithfully,
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EPIRRHEMA

(b) In the Attic Old Comedy, a speech addressed by the Coryphaeus to the audience after the Parabasis, from the Greek *epi* upon + *rhēma* a word: "Zielinski's theory of the original epirrhematic composition of a comedy as compared with the epeisodic of a tragedy."

KAPPIE

(a) A sun-bonnet or coal-skuttle bonnet, Afrikaans, from the Dutch *kapje* diminutive of *kap* a hood: "Em took off her big brown kappie and began to fan her red face with it."

STAUNTON

(b) Attributively and absolutely to designate chessmen of a design now accepted as standard, eponym of Howard Staunton (1810-74) English chess-player and writer: "Chessmen of fanciful shapes and forms are often made as curiosities. For actual play, most players would prefer to use the Staunton chessmen, the pattern of which Howard Staunton designed in 1849."

PLUTOGOGUE

(a) A spokesman for the plutocrats, one who justifies or advocates the interests of the wealthy, from the Greek *ploutos* wealth + *agōgos* leader or leading, after *demagogue*: "A demagogue, he explained, appeals directly to the mob; a plutogogue appeals to the people who buy the mob."

SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE

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FOR THE RECORD

CRICKET

BAIN CLARKSON TROPHY: Knypersley: Derbyshire 191-5 (A S Rollins 67); Nottinghamshire 193-3 (M Saxelby 88 not out). Nottinghamshire won by 7 wickets. Hove: Surrey 211-9 (J A Nonh 4-32), Sussex 212-4 (North 111 not out). Sussex won by 6 wickets Wickford: MCC Young Cricketers 273 (K Sedgebeer 97, G Kamtis 64; N Shahid 4-50); Essex 274-1 (Shahid 163 not out, J J B Lewis 85 not out). Essex won by 9 wickets. Durham: Leicestershire 272-8 (P A Nixon 88, D L Maddy 51; G Wigham 5-43); Durham 195 (J A Daley 50). Leicestershire won by 77 runs.
MINOR COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP: Radlett: Staffordshire 175-5 dec (S D Myles 54, E P Neal 5-59) and 298-4 (J P Addison 121 not out, A J Dutton 81), Hertfordshire 170-6 dec (K Jahangir 71 not out, N J Ilott 65) and 213 (M R Gouldstone 116 not out). Staffordshire won by 90 runs
SCHOOLS MATCHES: MCC 230, Bethany 180; Brighton 226-9, Epsom 175-8. Pocklington 120, Manchester GS 121-3. Chigwell 225-9, Bishop's Stortford College 227-5; MCC 191-1, Aldenham 126. King's, Canterbury 177-8, St Lawrence, Ramsgate 180-4. Berkshire Gentlemen 186-7, Oratory 188-4. Derby Friars 128, Oakham 129-5; Forty Club 190-9 (A Khan 7-48), Bancroft's 193-2 (P Baker 104 no); Forty Club 140, King's, Bruton 142-2; Densfone 191-6, Magdalen CS, Oxford 63. Bishop's Stortford College 237-2 (J Lamb 158 no), The Leys 231-8 (T Kastes 118); Merchent Taylors', Northwood 183-9, RGS Colchester 187-8; Bedford 233-5 (N Gomarsall 116), Uppingham 234-4 (J Beaumont 108 no), Radley 222-7 (R Marten-Jenkens 139), Winchester 179-7, Wellingborough 167-6, Forest 170-4; Forty Club 182, Bethany 128; Hymers 210-9, Newcastle-under-Lyme 185-6; South Oxfordshire Amateurs 206, Oratory 207-5 (J Tomlinson 106 no); Antipodeans 210-4, Monkton Combe 179-6.

BOXING

GROSVENOR HOUSE, London: Commonwealth flyweight championship: Francis Ampolo (Bethnal Green) bt Albert Musankabala (Zam), rsc 3rd md Fry (8 mds). Ricky Beard (Dagenham) bt James Drummond (Glasgow), pts. Heavy (6 mds): Scott Welch (Brighton) bt John Harewood (Newcastle), rsc 5th. Bantam (6 mds): Addy Benton (Dewsbury) bt Michael Addis (Crawley), disq 4th

BASEBALL

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Cincinnati Reds 3, Houston Astros 0; New York Mets 10, Florida Marlins 9; Montreal Expos 9, Pittsburgh Pirates 2; Atlanta Braves 6, Colorado Rockies 4; Philadelphia Phillies 13, St Louis Cardinals 10; Chicago Cubs 10, San Diego Padres 5, San Francisco Giants 3, Los Angeles Dodgers 1
AMERICAN LEAGUE: Cleveland Indians 8, Chicago White Sox 2, New York Yankees 4, Detroit Tigers 3; Toronto Blue Jays 2, Baltimore Orioles 1; Milwaukee Brewers 7, Boston Red Sox 6, Minnesota Twins 7, Seattle Mariners 5; Texas Rangers 4, Kansas City Royals 3; Oakland Athletics 8, California Angels 7.
ROME: Intercontinental Cup: Cuba 4, Japan 3; United States 16, France 1; Mexico 6, Italy 4, South Korea 10, Spain 3, Nicaragua 10, Australia 1.

RUGBY UNION

TOUR MATCH: Australian Capital Territory 29, Tonga XV 8 (in Canberra)

RUGBY LEAGUE

INTERNATIONAL MATCH: Australia 16, New Zealand 4 (in Brisbane). Australia won series 2-0, one match drawn.

FOOTBALL

JAPANESE LEAGUE: JEF United Ichihara 0, Kashima Antlers 2; Verdy Kawasaki 1, Shimizu 1 (Kawasaki won 4-2 on pens), Yokohama Marinos 5, Urawa 1; Osaka 2, Yokohama Flugels 1; Sanfrecce Hiroshima 2, Nagoya Grampus Eight 0

GOLF

COVENTRY: Glenmuir club professional championship; First round: 64: A Webster (Edzell) 66; J Higgins (Ketley Golf and Squash Club), 67: P Barber (Didsbury) 68; M Parker (Riverside), J Harrison (Balmedie Castle), R Weir (Cowal), 69: B Rimmer (Oaklands), C Cox (West Essex), M Bradley (Keighley), C Giddens (Cowdray Park)

HOCKEY

VIENNA: Eight-nation tournament: Group A: Wales 1, United States 1; Switzerland 1, Poland 0. Group B: Italy 1, India 2, Austria 3, Croatia 1.
INTERNATIONAL MATCH: New Zealand 0, Germany 1 (in Auckland).

SQUASH

WOMEN'S WORLD RANKINGS: 1, M Martin (Aus); 2, C Jackman (Eng), 3, L Irving (Aus); 4, M Le Mognan (Eng); 5, S Homer (Eng); 6, H Wallace (Can); 7, S Wright (Eng); 8, S Fitz Gerald (Aus), 9, C Owens (Aus), 10, S Schone (Ger)

Henley bows to tide of change

Oliver Holt reports on how women have broken down another male-dominated sporting bastion


MARC ASPLAND

New view at Henley: a woman competitor heads for the Thames to complete her preparations

Fourteen years ago, two leading British oarswomen resorted to subterfuge to try to breach the defences of the male bastion that was the Henley Royal Regatta.

The submitted their entries for that year's Double Sculls under their maiden names, but their ruse was rumbled before their boat was lowered into the water, their club was publicly reprimanded and the regatta was preserved as a staunchly male-only celebration of endurance and strength. The women were deemed simply not good enough.

Tomorrow, though, the successors of Astrid Ayling and Pauline Hart will have no need for pretence. For the first time in the 154-year history of the event, they will compete along the full of the same daunting one mile and 550 yards of this shimmering, luxuriant stretch of the Thames as their male counterparts.

They will be but 16 among a cast of hundreds, and the cynics say the World Cup women's single sculls event in which they will race was included in the itinerary only because it was the necessary price to pay for the regatta to stage its prestigious male equivalent. But for the competitors — including the Olympic gold medal-winner, Elisabeta Lipa, of Romania — and the British contingent in particular, the chance to show off their skills in the sport's most famous arena is long overdue.

"It has been like having Wimbledon without the ladies' singles," Ali Hall, Britain's top-ranked female single sculler, said yesterday. "I'm doing a PhD in sports psychology and, at times, I've felt like devoting it to the psychology of men who do not want to let women compete at Henley.

"I have felt some hostility from certain quarters about the admittance of women to this year's regatta. It is nothing that has been said to my face, but there have been comments about how we have got our own regatta before Henley and we should stick to it. But the male competitors themselves have been very supportive.

"The list of excuses the stewards have been producing to keep us out went on and on until it became pretty ridiculous. But I think what they have done now is very positive and I just cannot express how excited I am about racing here."

The women competitors chose to circumvent Henley's famous dress code — no trousers, culottes or skirt hemlines above the knee — by staying close to the boat tent in the unofficial uniform of lycra shorts and T-shirt.

Female coxes have been common at Henley for years, but few extra facilities have been provided for the oarswomen this year. A spokesman for the regatta said: "There is no extra floor space for the women this year, but an additional shower and toilets have been installed to cater for the minor increase in numbers."

Despite fears that the women may not be invited back next year, this year's invitation has been a huge relief for Britain's other leading woman, the lightweight sculler, Sue Key. After a short practice outing on the river soon after dawn yesterday, when she was dwarfed by the heavyweight men's eights all around her, last year's world championship silver medal-winner said: "I actually train at Henley on this stretch of the river.

"For 51 weeks of the year, I was out here at all hours of the day and then, for regatta week, I had to sit on the bank and watch. It was incredibly frustrating.

"The traditional argument against admitting women is that we were not as good as the men. But we are not trying to race each other, we are racing within our own events and I think the stewards have recognised that the standard of women's rowing has increased dramatically in the last decade."

Much of the credit for ensuring that the contribution of women to this vibrant social event will not lie purely in the design of their hats, the beauty of their attire and their coxing ability has been given to the new regatta chairman, Michael Sweeney.

Ali Hall, for one, praised his "fresh, younger, go-ahead approach", but Sweeney's were not words of unfettered encouragement.

He said he was worried about whether the same calibre of oarswoman would attend next year's event if there were no World Cup points on offer, an eventuality that is looking a distinct possibility.

"This year, we are welcoming the women with open arms," he said yesterday. "I have not head a word of opposition from anybody. It is a major first for women's rowing and there is enough talent in the event to make it a big success.

"Whether it will be continued next year is something we will review after the regatta. The great dilemma, apart from the issue of quality, is that if we were to extend it so that it would be equally men and women, it would be a logistical nightmare.

"We would have to add on more days, and I would not be comfortable with that. The only other way would be to start slashing men's events."

South African college crew comes unstuck

BY MIKE ROSEWELL, ROWING CORRESPONDENT

TIGHT-lipped young faces signalled the first hard-luck story of the 1993 Henley Regatta yesterday when a school crew from Selborne College, South Africa, paddled up the Enclosures with two men inactive. After a 6,000-mile trip to Henley, their race against Phillips Exeter Academy, USA, in the Princess Elizabeth Cup, ended after 100 metres when the four man's seat crumpled under him.

The umpire, John Stephenson, was sympathetic but powerless. Henley rules do not account for equipment failure during the race.

Spectators were treated to close racing. There were 12 verdicts of less than a length before the lunch break. One of these was a dead heat between the Tideway Scullers and Bedford crews in the Wyfold Fours. After a remarkable late burst by Bedford in a re-row, again a classic, Bedford won by three-quarters of a length.

While the stewards were studying the photo-finish of the first race, the Enclosures were immediately roused by another titanic Wyfold battle between Wallingford and Worcester.

Wallingford just scraped the verdict, clearly to the relief of their bowman, Sean Morris, at 49 the oldest competitor at this year's regatta and an Oxford blue in 1963 and 1965.His colleagues were hardly striplings, John Wiggins and Mike Diserens last featuring in Oxford crews in 1977 and 1980, while Roger Brown was a junior international in 1973.

The selected crews in the Thames Cup eights were not in action yesterday but must have watched the progress of some potential opponents with interest and some concern. Neptune just held off Agecroft by three feet to record a warning time of 6min 21sec and Upper Thames A clocked a near-record Fawley time before easing down in their race against Auriol Kensington, who had four New Zealanders on board.

Oxford Brookes University began their third time lucky attempt in the Temple Cup eights with a good win over University College Dublin in another record-nudging contest, this time over the whole course.

The Westminster and Belmont composite schools crew in the same event had a tough and fast three-quarter of a length win over Reading University in their hastily acquired replacement boat after their Tuesday collision with a barge, but their coxswain, "Twig" Wignarajah was again in the news for forgetting to carry his required weight addition.

The stewards considered that the make-weight required, half a kilogram, would not have affected the result. The crew were fined, however, by having one false start against them today.

Radley and Kingston Grammar looked a worthy selection in the Princess Elizabeth, as did Brisbane College, the first Australian school to compete at Henley, but Eton threw down the gauntlet by equalling the Barrier record before easing down against Bedford.


Pinsent: rows today

The Wyfold Fours saw the demise of the first selected crew this year, the Danes from Odense falling to the Scottish Argonauts, but other selected crews in this event from London and Leander looked impressive. Leander, in particular, were at a low-rate paddle up the Enclosures.

Leander's Britannia Cox Four, with 16st 10lb Rory Morrison at two, also progressed with ease, but Harvard ominously did the same. City of Oxford raised eyebrows with their time and the manner of their defeat of a good Auriol Kensington crew in the morning.

The barge that caused Westminster and Belmont to wreck their boat on Tuesday also caused problems for the Quintin Thames Cup crew yesterday. They smashed a blade against the barge on their way to the start but were allowed time to obtain a replacement.

Duncan Hughes, their stroke, a past Great Britain junior international, said: "We did a Cambridge and hit a stationary object." Quintin subsequently won the delayed contest.

Steve Redgrave and Matthew Pinsent enter the regatta today in the first round of the Goblets Pairs with a first-round race against Henley regulars, the Murray Brothers from Cappoquin BC, Ireland. Dan Murray, the brother and coach to the crew members, was unmoved yesterday. "We may as well race the best in the world," he said.

The first round of the Diamond Sculls today does not include the top seeded competitors, who lead the World Cup rankings.

Marseilles players return as pressure increases

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

MARSEILLES' footballers had expected to return from their summer break yesterday still flushed with the confidence gleaned by winning the European Cup in May. Instead, their mood was solemn and subdued as the bribery crisis that has since surrounded the club deepened.

At 8am yesterday the judge investigating allegations that a Marseilles official and player had tried to fix a French league match led a police swoop on Marseilles' club offices to carry out a search of financial documents. It was the last thing the club, already under pressure, had expected.

Marc Bourrier, the Marseilles coach, had planned to hold a press conference to mark the start of pre-season training; instead, Bourrier retired to a local garden to say: "I don't know whether the players are stunned or not. I must see them to find out. What we need is to get back on to the pitch as quickly as possible. A little calm and serenity will do no damage to anyone."

Unfortunately for Bourrier, Judge Bernard Beffy is unlikely to grant his wish. In addition to allegations that an attempt was made to bribe three Valenciennes players before a match on May 20 — which Marseilles won 1-0 — Beffy is sure to have heard that CSKA Moscow have repeated claims that they too were offered bribes before a European Cup Champions' League match in April. Marseilles, who went on to win the Cup with a 1-0 defeat of AC Milan in the final in Munich, have denied the claim and complained to Uefa, European football's governing body, about Moscow's statement. Uefa is expected to demand an explanation from CSKA.

Marseilles have also denied the allegations of the Valenciennes players Jacques Glassmann, Christophe Robert and Jorge Burruchaga, the Argentinian international, that Jean-Jacques Eydelie, the Marseilles midfield player, and the club's general secretary, Jean-Pierre Bernes, offered them money to lose the game.

Robert has been placed under investigation by the judge, Eyedelie is being held in custody in Valenciennes, Bernes is in hospital suffering from depression while police wait to speak to him and Burruchaga, who flew into France from Argentina yesterday, was planning to speak to Beffy before the end of the week. "I have things to say and they are important, it's true," Burruchaga said.


Maradona: dismissed

The affair has even reached the ears of the French government. Jean Fournet-Fayard, the president of the French football federation, met the sports minister, Michele Alliot-Marie, with Noel Le Graet, the league president yesterday and Fayard said afterwards: "The situation is extremely serious. Things are evolving from hour to hour, almost from minute to minute. We are keeping a close watch."

David Murray, the chairman of Rangers, yesterday played down suggestions from Silvio Berlusconi, the president of Milan, that the two sides should meet in a replayed European Cup final if Russian allegations were proved.

Diego Maradona's troubled career reached a new low yesterday when he was dismissed by his Spanish club, Sevilla, just hours before his one-year contract was due to expire. It may have been a case of pushing the volatile Argentinian as he was about to jump anyway, but Sevilla, angered by his unpredictable behaviour in recent weeks, nonetheless felt they should act.

A number of reasons were given for Sevilla's decision, including incidents in a match against Real Burgos when Maradona was substituted and stormed off hurling his captain's armband to the ground.

HENLEY RESULTS

Thames Cup

Holders: Lea

First round

Upper Thames B bt Liverpool Students, ½ length
Agecroft bt Vesta, 2l
Thames Tradesmen B bt London University, 3½l
Upper Thames A bt Auriol Kensington, 3¾l
Dartmouth USA A bt Molesey, ¾l
Thames Tradesmen's A bt Durham University B, 3¾l
Nottingham Union bt Weybridge, easily
Thames bt Cherwell, 4l
Lea A bt Durham University C, 4¾l
Neptune bt Agecroft A, 3ft
Walton bt Isis B, ¾l
Harvard (US) bt Aberdeen, 5l
Rob Roy bt Durham University A, 1l
Encouragement (Fr) bt Triton (Holl), canvas

Wyfold Cup

Holders: Nottinghamshire County A

First round

London Welsh bt Walton, ¾l
Hereford bt Nottingham University, ½l
Bewl Bridge bt Upper Thames A, 2l
Sons of the Thames bt Thames, ½l
Wallingford bt Worcester, ½l
Notts and Union bt Agecroft, 4¼l
London bt Gloucester, 2¾l
Scottish Argonauts bt Odense (Den), 1l
Leander bt Marlow, 3¾l

Temple Cup

Holders: Imperial College

First round

Newcastle University bt University College London, easily
Jesus and Downing, Cambridge, bt Southampton University, ½l
Queen's College bt Edinburgh University, easily
Pembroke and Downing, Cambridge, bt Christchuch and Pembroke, Oxford, 4ft
Westminster and Belmont bt Reading University, ¾l
Sheffield bt Association Sportive, easily
Lady Margaret bt Emmanuel, 2¾l
Oxford Brookes University bt University College Dublin, 1½l
Queens University Belfast bt Colgate University (US), 1l
Trinity College bt University West of England, 2l

Britannia Cup

Holders: Goldie

First round

Molesey B bt Auriol Kensington, 1½l
Bath University bt Furnivall, 4½l
Tideway Scullers bt City of Cambridge, 3¾l
City of Oxford A bt Auriol Kensington A, 2¾l
Goldie bt Notts County, 4l
University of London bt Scottish Argonauts A, 1¾l
Harvard Univ bt Thames, easily
Thames Tradesmen B bt Scottish Argonauts B, 1½l
Newark bt City of Oxford B, 1¾l
Leander bt Bedford, 3l
London A bt Free Press, 1l
Edinburgh Univ bt Nottingham and Union, easily

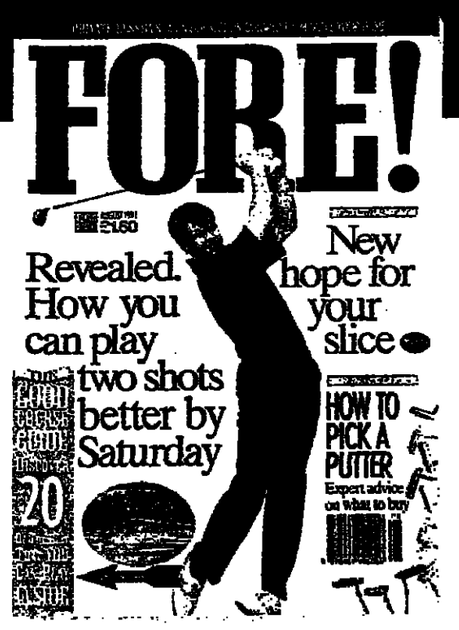
Princess Elizabeth Cup

Holders: Pangbourne

First round

Bedford Modern bt Shrewsbury A, 2¾l
Kingston Grammar A bt Pangbourne Coll B, 3¾l
Radley College bt Hampton B, 4l
Phillips Exeter bt Selbourne College, easily
Pangbourne A bt Riverview High School, 2¾l
Kings School bt King Edward VII, 1l
Brisbane (Aus) bt Cheltenham, easily
Abingdon bt Oundle, ¾l

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Gooch drops down order and looks to youth to give his team new determination

England trust to Trent Bridge wicket

BY ALAN LEE
CRICKET CORRESPONDENT

GIVEN the consensus that England's remote hopes of retrieving the Ashes rest entirely on pitches that hand control to the seam bowlers, there was only moderate encouragement to be had at Trent Bridge yesterday.

For all the self-confessed efforts of Ron Allsopp, that wizard among groundsmen, to produce the requisite surface, both captains — with differing degrees of enthusiasm — pronounced the pitch to be good enough virtually to eliminate the option of bowling first.

There is still grass on the pitch, probably enough to give the new-ball bowlers some assistance in the first session this morning. But the impression gained by both Graham Gooch and Allan Border is that it will then become good for batting before, ominously, turning late in the game.

Border was sufficiently reassured to confirm that the two Australian spin bowlers, who shared 14 wickets at Lord's, would again be in his side and he was unequivocal about his intentions if he won the toss. "No thought of putting them in if it stays as it is now," he said.

Impartial preparation of pitches has long been the tradition in this country, though pride in the policy is not quite what it was. The knowledge that opponents around the world have home conditions in their favour as a matter of course has increasingly rankled with those who play for England and, now, those who run the team.

One of Ted Dexter's aims as chairman of the England committee has been to obtain a relaxation of the even-handedness that some see as self-destructive and others as sanctimonious. "If we are not influencing the pitch to suit us, at least we shouldn't be shooting ourselves in the foot by providing one to suit the opposition," he said.

The England committee is now entitled to comment on pitches, favourably or otherwise, after each international game, though whether they have any advance input on preparation remains a grey area. For today's game, it was probably not necessary. After 20 years on the Trent Bridge square, Allsopp is very much his own master and he evidently took it upon himself to do something for the national cause. "I'm doing my bit to help England," he said. Whether he has done enough, we may know some time today.

At two-nil down, even with four to play in this Cornhill series, history is heavily against England. Only once in Ashes history has either side won from such a position, and that was Don Bradman's Australians in 1936-7. Add to that the pressures imposed by a losing run of seven, plus the natural tensions in a team in which at least four players will be making their debuts, and the task awaiting England can begin to be measured.

Border is not a man to dwell on how unfair it all seems to be English. He just wants to finish the job as clinically as possible, preferably here in Nottingham. "The England side has a whole lot of new faces and they are sure to be on edge," he said. "It's hard to find your feet straight away in Test cricket and I want to strike while that is happening."

Gooch, unsurprisingly, had to take a different view of the sudden influx of newcomers. "There is a great opportunity here for all the young guys," he said. "They should be keen and hungry. They have all got a lot of ability and, although it is a tough situation to be starting in, they have got to play some time."

One of the consequences of the young blood is that Gooch himself has surrendered the opening role in which he had for so long been England's one dependable commodity. He has been resisting such a move since the end of the winter tour and his words yesterday implied a certain reluctance. "We can't have three people opening," he said. "Someone had to give way and I thought I would do the honourable thing."

Gooch, who will bat at either five or six, most wanted to avoid the drop in the order because of the "old-timer on last legs" message it inevitably transmits. There is a case for him stabilising England's frail middle order, but there was more of a case for the retention of his consistently successful first-wicket pairing with Michael Atherton.

Mark Lathwell, however, can at least now start out in his accustomed place at the head of the order, where I expect him to represent England for some years to come. The expectations of this rare talent are unhealthily high — "an awful lot of people are looking forward to seeing him bat," Gooch said — but Lathwell has the phlegmatic temperament to cope.

Robin Smith is to move up one place to No 3 where, theoretically, he has less chance of being immediately confronted by spin. The remaining order of England's seven specialist batsmen will be decided this morning, when there will also be a fitness call for the bowling attack.

Gooch was almost as distressed as Alan Igglesden, last night, after the loss through injury of the one bowler capable of swinging the ball either way at lively pace. As Martin McCague's highly contentious inclusion is also threatened by a stiff back, and Andy Caddick was ill during net practice yesterday, the only bowlers sure to start are Peter Such, the one specialist spinner, and Mark Ilott, who will win a deserved first cap after twice being omitted on the morning of a match. Assuming Caddick's recovery, the final place is between McCague and Martin Bicknell.

GRAHAM CHADWICK



Sitting it out: Martin Bicknell prepares to face his fellow bowlers during England's practice session at Trent Bridge yesterday

England have not won a Test match at Trent Bridge since 1983 and last beat Australia there in 1977. Four years ago against Australia, they gave debuts to two players, Malcolm and Atherton. Malcolm took one wicket for 166 runs and Atherton was leg-before to Alderman for nought.

RESULTS: Matches 16, England won 3, Australia won 5, draws 8.
ENGLAND v AUSTRALIA RECORDS (England first): Highest totals: 658-8 dec (1938), 602-9 dec (1989). Lowest totals: 112 (1921), 123 (1953). Highest innings: 216 not out E Paynter (1938), 232 S J McCabe (1938). Best bowling: 8-107 B J T Bosanquet (1905), 7-54 W J O'Reilly (1934).

Hughes gets full marks for heart, none for manners



John Woodcock on the lessons that Australia's fast bowler must learn from Test history

Before the Third Test match between a British Commonwealth XI and Australia starts at Trent Bridge today, something needs clearing up. It concerns Merv Hughes and the extraordinary idea that his often-boorish behaviour is what Test cricket is "all about".

Hughes has many admirers. He is a rousing member of this Australian side, at times even its inspiration. Test cricket, too, is a very hard game, as is right and proper. But if the day ever comes when open and unfettered abuse becomes what it is "all about", then we really shall have been betrayed. I wonder what Hughes would think if he saw Nick Faldo mouthing obscenities at Ray Floyd during a Ryder Cup match, for what he does himself amounts to much the same thing.

I am not questioning his ability as a bowler. When he takes the field looking more like Jimmy Edwards or Warwick Armstrong than a product of the modern school of circuit training, it is easy to under-estimate him; but he has great strength and a heart to match, something to be desired of more of England's fast bowlers.

In 47 Test matches Hughes has taken 189 wickets at an average of 27.65 and a striking rate of one wicket every 9.4 overs. That is a record closely comparable to Wes Hall's (192 wickets in 48 Tests at 26.38 apiece), Jeff Thomson (200 wickets in 51 Tests at 28.00 apiece) and John Snow's (202 wickets in 49 Tests at 26.66 apiece), three very fine bowlers. Even in this present series Hughes is likely to become only the seventh Australian to take 200 Test wickets.

So we under-estimate him at our peril. He trades on the element of surprise, the batsman never quite knowing what to expect next. Going back some years, batsmen coming into the game used to feel less uncomfortable facing Brian Statham than Fred Trueman, not because he was any less of a bowler but because he was the more predictable of the two. Statham kept peppering the batsman; Trueman, like Hughes, pounced on him.

Trueman was also the firebrand of his day. He was excluded from tours to Australia and South Africa because of it, even when he was at his best as a bowler. Standards were different in those days, but Trueman was not alone in thinking then, as he does now, that he was hard done by. Certainly, when he gave vent to his feelings it was never done as objectionably as it is by Hughes.

Should the ludicrous situation arise whereby England's bowling is opened by a product of New Zealand cricket (Caddick) at one end and of Australian cricket (McCague) at the other, we may see whether Gooch tolerates intemperance of the kind shown by Hughes to the same extent that Border does. This is because McCague is said to be Hughes's mirror image.

The muddle the England selectors have got themselves into is indescribable. It comes from having allowed the captain and manager far too much say for far too long. They have tended to see only what they have wanted to see. Let me give just one example of how Australians are better served by their own more traditional, less arbitrary system, in which, except of course on tour, neither Border nor his cricket manager, Bobby Simpson, is a Test selector. These two have their say, but the final choice rests with others who are not so close to the canvass.

Early last year Border was so put out at not being allowed to keep his old cobber, Geoff Marsh, in the Australian side for the last Test against India that he went into hiding for 24 hours. There is every chance that if Border had had his way Slater would not have been at Lord's a month ago to play the innings he did. Marsh had done Australia proud, but in his previous 30 Test innings, going in first, he had not scored a hundred. Border's loyalty was misguided, though he found that hard to accept. In a similar situation Gooch, until recently, would have had his way.

So Australia today have a nice blend of youth and experience, while England, desperate to escape their ever-worsening plight, put into the field a side so speculative and unrepresentative that it would probably struggle to win the county championship.

There is even open talk of doctoring the Trent Bridge pitch to give England's bowlers the advantage, if that is possible. It is something that we have always tended to scorn when others do it, and which England's newly-recruited batsmen must view with apprehension now. England can seldom have had such need of a good result or seemed less likely to achieve one. But none of us lives without hope.

Gallian cruises to century

BY JACK BAILEY

LORD'S (first day of three; Cambridge University won toss): Oxford University have scored 308 for four wickets against Cambridge University

CAMBRIDGE did Oxford the courtesy of asking them to bat, and Oxford responded, on a glorious sunlit day, by taking 308 for four from the 100 overs bowled and setting up their options for the rest of the match. Jason Gallian, their richly promising Australian/Lancastrian captain (shades here of McCague) made an excellent century, adding 167 for the second wicket with Gregor Macmillan.

Then Geoff Lovell, another Australian and last year's captain, made the most of being dropped twice, keeping up the steady, though never fierce, pressure that had been applied all day against an undemanding attack on a good pitch.

The one blot on Gallian's landscape as he took tea, a hundred under his belt, and Oxford well poised at 196 for three, was the fate that had befallen Montgomerie, his opening partner. The match was only into its third over when Gallian pushed the ball firmly to Cake at cover and called. Montgomerie failed comfortably to make his ground. With only three runs on the board, Cambridge may have felt gratified at their choice to field first.

That this had been a purely defensive measure, rooted in a sketchy attack, soon became apparent as Gallian took the score along coolly and confidently. Quick to latch on to the hook and pull for the occasional fierce four, Gallian did the bulk of the scoring. Macmillan, his partner, reined himself in.

Oxford's interests were well served by Macmillan's self-denial. Yet one wondered whether Pearson should have got away with only four scoring strokes from his first ten overs, well as he bowled to a defensive field.

Before he was caught on the mid-wicket boundary Macmillan, had made 63 in nearly 3½ hours. As Gallian went past his century only to be caught in the same place by the same fielder, Cake, off the same bowler, Whittall, he had good reason to thank Macmillan's unaccustomed patience. So, too, did Lovell and Keey.

OXFORD UNIVERSITY: First Innings
R R Montgomerie run out 1
*J E R Gallian c Cake b Whittall 115
G I MacMillan c Cake b Whittall 63
G B T Lovell not out 80
C L Keey b Pearson 33
C M Gupte not out 7
Extras (b 2, lb 5, nb 2) 9
Total (4 wkts) 308
†C W J Lyons, P S Yeabsley, M P W Jeh, R H MacDonald, P W Trimby.
CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY: *J P Crawley, G W Jones, M E D Jarrat, R Cake, G M Charlesworth, J P Carroll, †J P Arscott, N J Haste, C M Pitcher, R M Pearson, A R Whittall.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-3, 2-170, 3-186, 4-276.
BOWLING: Pitcher 21-3-51-0; Charlesworth 18-3-61-0, Pearson 30-10-77-1; Haste 13-1-61-0; Whittall 18-0-51-2.
Umpires: G I Burgess and G Sharp.

Glamorgan hopes put to test

BY PETER BALL

TO MOST Englishmen, the idea of Wales winning the five nations' rugby union championship is anathema. Glamorgan winning the county cricket championship would be greeted with genuine pleasure by most people east of the River Wye.

That response perhaps testifies to its improbability, even though Glamorgan are well placed. But after their comprehensive defeat by Nottinghamshire at Swansea on Monday, they face a serious test of their credibility today when they return to their Cardiff headquarters to entertain Middlesex, who moved 16 points clear of them by beating Surrey in the last round of matches.

With Tufnell and Gatting dropped by England, and the Glamorgan quartet of Watkin, Morris, Maynard and Metson all spurned along with Ramprakash, the Middlesex batsman, there will be players on both sides with points to make. Glamorgan will hope there is more in the Sophia Gardens wicket for their bowlers than there was at Swansea.

Last season Leicestershire fulfilled Glamorgan's present position as plucky underdogs. This season they have found life harder without David Millns, who a year ago was ahead of Igglesden, McCague, Ilott, Bicknell, Caddick and the winter tour incumbents, Jarvis and Taylor, as everyone's favourite to become the next England fast bowler until injury intervened.

Alan Mulally has filled the breach nobly, but today's visitors, Lancashire, are beginning to punch their weight, which may make them Middlesex's most dangerous rivals. With Atherton on Test duty, Titchard resumes the opening partnership with Mendis that produced two century stands in their last match together.

Experienced watchers may have noted Essex's win over Warwickshire in the last round as the beginning of their mid-season charge, but it could have to be put on hold for a week. As well as the four on Test duty, Foster also drops out with a niggling injury from the visit to Maidstone, Darren Robinson, the England Under-19 opening bat, and Darren Cousins coming in along with the rather more venerable Topley, Lewis, Andrew and Shaheed.

Kent have Spencer and Ellison to replace Igglesden and McCague, assuming the latter is not left out of the England team this morning. There is a return to the championship for Bobby Parks, who makes his Kent debut in place of the injured Marsh. Parks's former county, Hampshire, may give a debut to Darren Flint, 23, a left-arm slow bowler who has been in outstanding form in the second team. Flint is preferred in the squad of 12 to both Maru and Turner.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

CRICKET

Third Cornhill Test match
11.0, 90 overs minimum; first day of five
TRENT BRIDGE: England v Australia
Britannic Assurance county championship
11.0, 110 overs minimum; first day of four
CARDIFF: Glamorgan v Middlesex
BRISTOL: Gloucestershire v Hampshire
MAIDSTONE: Kent v Essex
LEICESTER: Leicestershire v Lancashire
NORTHAMPTON: Northamptonshire v Nottinghamshire
TAUNTON: Somerset v Sussex
THE OVAL: Surrey v Durham
EDGBASTON: Warwickshire v Yorkshire
KIDDERMINSTER: Worcestershire v Derbyshire
University match
11.30 to 6.30; second day of three
LORD'S: Oxford v Cambridge
MINOR COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP: Ipswich (Ransome's): Suffolk v Cambridgeshire (final day of two).
RAPID CRICKETLINE SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP (second day of three): Derby: Derbyshire v Somerset; Chester-le-Street: Durham v Leicestershire; Old Trafford: Lancashire v Glamorgan; Uxbridge: Middlesex v Hampshire; Luton Town OC: Northamptonshire v Kent; Hove: Sussex v Surrey; Sheffield (Abbeydale Park): Yorkshire v Warwickshire.

OTHER SPORT

GOLF: Glenmuir club professionals' championship (Coventry).
ROWING: Henley Royal Regatta.
SWIMMING: Scottish national championships (Edinburgh).
TENNIS: All England championships (Wimbledon).

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Broad smile welcomes Junction Twentytwo

CHRIS Broad, the trainer, can look forward to a holiday in the sun on the strength of Junction Twentytwo's dead-heat with War Requiem in the Nattrass Giles Handicap at Warwick yesterday.

Broad was promised a week's holiday on the Algarve, paid for by owner Chris Major, if his gelding won a race. "Whether I will have to pay for the flight back because he didn't win outright, I don't know," Broad said.

Toby Balding, the trainer of War Requiem, is getting used to dead-heats, having shared races with Beech Road and Farm Street during the last National Hunt season.

Prosequendo makes light of the metal plate in his off-hind leg, and trotted up for Tony Clark in the Harcros Timber & Building Supplies Handicap. The 9-4 favourite comfortably pulled five lengths clear of Briggsmaid.

"The ground was plenty firm enough for him, but he has been lacking in confidence recently and needed to get his head in front," Mark Dixon, his trainer, said.

Martin Fetherston-Godley had his faith in filly Miriam restored when she dominated the Royal Maiden from pillar to post. He had booked Pat Eddery for Miriam's debut at Salisbury, only for the partnership to beat just one home.

Darryll Holland took the mount here and readily beat Sporting Start two lengths. "I think she has a lot of speed," said Fetherston-Godley, who was gaining his first juvenile success of the season.

RESULTS FROM YESTERDAY'S AFTERNOON MEETINGS

Catterick Bridge

Going: good to firm

2.10 (5f) 1, LADY SHERIFF (T Lucas, 2-1 fav); 2, Fade Away (K Darley, 6-1); 3, Spring Star (L Charnock, 50-1). ALSO RAN: 5-2 Mid Nether, 11-2 Cheeky Chappy (4th), 8 Mrs Jogglebury (5th), 16 Red Queen (6th), 20 Norbeck (pu). 6 ran. 1½l, 3l, nk, 2½l, 3l. M W Easterby at Sheriff Hutton. Tote: £2.60; £1.50, £1.90, £1.80. DF: £7.90. CSF: £13.56.

2.40 (7f) 1, MOKAITE (J Marshall, 14-1); 2, Jackson House (K Fallon, 8-1); 3, Gingerbird (W Ryan, 4-5 fav). ALSO RAN: 5 Captain Starlight (5th), 6 Parish Walk (4th), 25 Bollin Neil, Kohima Boy, 33 Bex Boy, Musical March, 66 Steamard Boy (6th), Wake Up To Reality, 100 Lochan, Cackley Lane. 13 ran. 1¼l, 2l, 5l, 3l, 4l. M Hammond at Middleham. Tote: £14.30; £2.90, £2.40, £1.20. DF: £23.30. CSF: £112.80. Jackson House finished first but, after a stewards' enquiry, was disqualified and placed second.

3.10 (1m 4f 44yd) 1, HASTA LA VISTA (L Charnock, 8-1); 2, Thyrsan (J Carroll, 5-1); 3, Monsieur Dupont (G Duffield, 5-1). ALSO RAN: 4 ¾-fav Ellzas (6th), Lock Tight, 8 Hojos, 17-2 Monastic Flight (4th), 16 The Premier Expres (5th), Special Risk, 33 Santa Stella. 10 ran. ½l, 2l, 3½l, 4l, 1½l. M W Easterby at Sheriff Hutton. Tote: £14.20; £3.80, £2.10, £3.20. DF: £29.50. CSF: £45.52. Tricast: £203.71.

3.40 (1m 4f 44yd) 1, TRY N' FLY (K Darley, 3-1); 2, Madam Gymcrak (Julia Bowker, 8-13 fav); 3, Golden Savannah (T Lucas, 6-1). ALSO RAN: 12 Carousel Magic (4th). 4 ran. 1l, 10l, 2½l. Mrs M Reveley at Saltburn. Tote: £4.00. DF: £1.90. CSF: £5.11.

4.10 (5f) 1, THE FED (S Maloney, 14-1); 2, Covent Garden Girl (C Munday, 5-1); 3, Shadow Jury (K Darley, 3-1). ALSO RAN: 2 fav Bold County (4th), 11-2 Coconut Johnny (5th), 6 First Play (6th). 8 ran. 2½l, 1½l, 3½l, 1½l, nk. R Whitaker at Wetherby. Tote: £9.80; £2.50, £2.90. DF: £21.20. CSF: £70.18.

4.40 (7f) 1, VILAMAR (K Fallon, 10-1); 2, Nichodoula (G Duffield, 4-6 fav); 3, Sunrise Morning (M Birch, 8-1). ALSO RAN: 7-2 Flashette (4th), 8 Lemonsnell (5th), 5 ran. NR: Viking Waters. Sh hd, 2l, 2½l. E Alston at Preston. Tote: £11.30; £3.20, £7.10. DF: £6.50. CSF: £17.30.

Placepot: £309.70.

Yarmouth

Going: firm

2.30 (6f 3yd) 1, Kutheya (W Carson, 5-1); 2, Ijlal (5-1); 3, Shinak (14-1). Bryan Robson 5-2 fav. 8 ran. NR: Robart. Sh hd, 2½l. D Morley. Tote: £7.20; £2.00, £1.60, £1.40. DF: £10.50. CSF: £26.61. Ijlal finished first but, after a stewards' enquiry, was disqualified and placed second.

3.00 (7f 3yd) 1, Kingston Brown (L Dettori, 4-1); 2, Please Say Yes (8-2); 3, Eastern Glow (8-1). Pelorus Beach 7-2 fav. 11 ran. ¾l, 3½l. D Loder. Tote: £4.00; £1.60, £1.80, £3.30. DF: £16.50. CSF: £20.17. After a stewards' enquiry, result stood.

3.30 (7f 3yd) 1, The Flying Phantom (P Robinson, 5-4 j-fav); 2, Burnaan (5-4 j-fav); 3, Bernie's Sister (16-1). 5 ran. 7l, 12l. M Tompkins. Tote: £2.20; £1.60, £1.10. DF: £1.40. CSF: £2.98.

4.00 (1m 3yd) 1, Aldayt (S Whitworth, 7-2 j-fav); 2, Shining Jewel (9-1); 3, Annabelle Royale (7-2 j-fav). Albamine 7-2 j-fav. 9 ran. Sh hd, 1l. A Stewart. Tote: £5.50; £2.00, £1.90, £1.20. DF: £20.50. CSF: £30.85. Tricast: £105.39.

4.30 (5f 43yd) 1, Treasure Time (K Rutter, 7-1); 2, Martina (11-4 fav); 3, Spring High (4-1). 10 ran. Hd, 1½l. J White. Tote: £10.10; £2.70, £1.30, £1.60. DF: £12.20. CSF: £25.39.

5.00 (1m 6l 17yd) 1, My Patriarch (W Carson, 10-11 fav); 2, Bohemian Crown (7-2); 3, Big Billante (5-1). 4 ran. ½l, 12l. J Dunlop. Tote: £2.00. DF: £2.30. CSF: £4.13.

Placepot: £22.50.

Warwick

Going: firm

2.20 (5f) 1, Miriam (D Holland, 3-1 fav); 2, Sporting Start (20-1); 3, Ancheronne To Note (7-2). 6 ran. 2l, ¾l. M Pettersen-Godley. Tote: £6.00; £2.40, £5.10. DF: £57.00. CSF: £39.54.

2.50 (1m 4f 115yd) 1, Hatta River (W R Swinburn, 2-1 fav); 2, Armenian Coffee (3-1); 3, Arradi (3-1). 5 ran. 3½l, 4l. W Ham. Tote: £2.50; £1.20, £1.80. DF: £3.00. CSF: £7.95.

3.20 (1m 2f 169yd) 11, War Requiem (J Williams, 8-1); 1¼l, Junction Twentytwo (T Quinn, 12-1); 3, Edge Of Darkness (11-2). Killick 5-1 fav. 12 ran. Dd-ht. 1½l. C Brooks. DF: £49.70. Trio: £65.20. Tote: War Requiem £2.90, Junction Twentytwo £10.80; War Requiem £1.70, Junction Twentytwo £3.70. CSF: War Requiem & Junction Twentytwo £33.20; Junction Twentytwo & War Requiem £37.09. Tricast: War Requiem, Junction Twentytwo, Edge Of Darkness £187.46; Junction Twentytwo, War Requiem, Edge Of Darkness £189.87

3.50 (2m 20yd) 1, Prosequendo (A Clark, 9-4 fav); 2, Briggsmaid (11-4); 3, Singing Reply (5-1). 6 ran. 5l, 4l. M Dixon. Tote: £3.90; £2.40, £1.10. DF: £2.40. CSF: £9.28.

4.20 (7f) 1, Umbubuad (S Perks, 5-1); 2, Quinsigmond (11-10 fav); 3, Anusha (4-1). 11 ran. 1½l, ¾l. F Lee. Tote: £4.90; £1.30, £1.10, £2.00. DF: £4.70. CSF: £10.69.

4.50 (1m 4f 118yd) 1, Prince Hannibal (G Carter, 3-1); 2, Lake Poopo (7-2); 3, Quadrireme (5-2 fav). 6 ran. ¾l, 1½l. J Dunlop. Tote: £4.00; £2.20, £1.70. DF: £5.30. CSF: £12.98.

Placepot: £48.50.

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Betting shops threatened by approach of lottery

By Julian Muscat

BRITAIN'S declining off-course betting industry is in danger of losing many of the 2,600 betting shops considered only marginally profitable when the national lottery is introduced next year.

The shops under threat represent 27 per cent of the country's 9,600 outlets, a far cry from the 16,000 operating in 1966. Furthermore, betting turnover in the last three years has failed to keep pace with the retail price index, and bookmakers pre-tax profit margins have been eroded from 3 per cent to 2½ per cent of total turnover.

The bleak picture of the off-course betting industry was painted by Tom Kelly, director general of the Betting Office Licensees' Association (Bola), in an address to members of the Racehorse Owners' Association (ROA) in London yesterday.

The pertinence of Kelly's comments to the racing industry is that its annual source of finance — some £50 million — is collected through a levy on betting turnover. Kelly warned that the government estimate of turnover in the first year of the lottery — £1.5 billion — would fall significantly short.

"Our experts believe turnover could be as high as £4.5 billion, or £79 per capita, an estimate which has some foundation as the per capita spent on Ireland's lottery is £77," he said. "In Denmark, turnover from the recently-launched lottery was under-estmated by 500 per cent."

Kelly reiterated Bola's opposition to the Jockey Club's Competitive Racing programme, introduced this season. Teething problems have resulted in small fields for some races. "Our research suggests that if trends continue, the Competitive Racing Initiative could result in a shortfall in the levy this year of £1.5 million," he said.

In identifying the government's 7.75 per cent share of betting duty as the culprit for much of racing's underfunding, Kelly called on the co-operation of the fledgling British Horseracing Board (BHB), on which the ROA has two seats, in campaigning for a reduction in tax.

Kelly's gloomy forecast came in contrast to the ROA council's buoyancy at securing its seats on the British Horseracing Board. After outlining his successes on the council of the ROA, outgoing president Peter Jones identified prize-money and owners' treatment on racecourses as "two areas of lesser success."

Uttoxeter was declared Britain's "most owner friendly racecourse" for the second year running, but Jones, a BHB member, refused to identify the winner of the "wooden spoon".

There was also significant support from the floor that the council should develop a mandate for strike action, or boycott of a wide-ranging nature, on behalf of disgruntled owners.

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: USK THE WAY
(2.10 Yarmouth)
Next best: Soul Emperor
(9.05 Haydock)


Peak performance: Ardkinglass wins the Jersey Stakes at Royal Ascot last month

Ardkinglass heads weights

ARDKINGLASS, trained by Henry Cecil, has been allotted top weight in the Schweppes Golden Mile at Goodwood on July 29. The three-year-old, the winner of the Jersey Stakes at Royal Ascot last month, leads the handicap on ten stone, 3lb ahead of his stable companion, Wharf.

The announcement of the weights for the race, one of the most competitive in the calendar, left bookmakers divided over the likely favourite. Four different names appeared at the top of their respective ante-post lists, with Richard Hannon's Show Faith, also a Royal Ascot winner, and Mujaazafah, trained by John Gosden, popular choices.

They are 12-1 joint-favourites with Coral, while William Hill makes Show Faith 14-1 favourite. The Tote has Mujaazafah as its 14-1 favourite. Ladbrokes offer a different view, nominating the Bill Watts-trained Chatoyant, a half-brother to the high-class Teleprompter, and the Royal Hunt Cup third, Phillidor, as 16-1 joint-favourites.

Entries total 73 for the seventh renewal of a contest which has attracted its first group one winner. Peter Davies. He has been set to carry 9st 6lb.

LEADING WEIGHTS: Ardkinglass 3 years, 10st 0lb, Wharf 3-9-11, Port Lucaya 3-9-10, Pay Homage 5-9-10, Smarginato 3-9-8, Tik Fa 4-9-8, Powerful Edge 4-9-7, Peter Davies 5-9-6, Gymcrak Premiere 5-9-5, Taufan Blu 4-9-4, Band On The Run 6-9-4, Darbonne 3-9-3, Abbey's Gal 3-9-1, Cumbrian Challenge 4-9-1, Kayvee 4-9-1, Royal Seaton 4-8-13, Mystic Goddess 3-8-12, Knobanstad 4-8-12, Lost Soldier 3-8-11, Spanish Storm 4-8-11, Dress Sense 4-8-10, Tissisat 4-8-9, Efharisto 4-8-9, Parliament Piece 7-8-9, Mithl Al Hawa 3-8-9, Euro Festival 4-8-8, Dramanice 3-8-8, Nashville Blues 4-8-8, Palace Pageant 3-8-8, Phildor 4-8-7, Thunder River 3-8-7, Lap Of Luxury 4-8-6, Stoney Valley 3-8-6

New film endorses National findings

NEW evidence, captured by BBC cameras following the Grand National in an airship, has endorsed the findings of the Jockey Club report into recall man Ken Evans's role in the fiasco (Julian Muscat writes).

After the first false start, Evans is pictured walking towards the outside rail, but it was only when the "leaders" passed him that he raised his red flag, no more than waist high. He is also pictured walking the same route after the second false start, with the flag, unfurled, by his side.

The Jockey Club's committee of enquiry, headed by Mr Justice Connell, a Jockey Club member, did not have the BBC film at its disposal when reaching its conclusions. However, Stan Mellor, also on the committee, said yesterday during a press briefing that the new film footage endorsed the committee's conclusions in respect of Evans, paid £28 a day for his role.

"We said we had no evidence that Mr Evans raised his flag on either occasion," Mellor said. "The new film shows clearly that he raised his flag [after the first false start] but he did not wave it right after the start. When he did raise it, the horses had reached him or got in front of him. It was too late."

In evidence he gave to the committee, Evans said he raised his own flag when he saw the starter, Captain Keith Brown, do likewise to indicate a false start first time round. "Instinctively I raised my own arm above my head and waved my own flag, walking all the time [towards the safety of the outside rails]," Evans testified. This new evidence does not appear to bear him out.

☐ John Mangles signed off after 23 years as a racecourse starter following the Cotherstone Maiden Fillies' Stakes at Catterick yesterday.

HAYDOCK PARK

THUNDERER
6.35 Silky Siren. 7.05 Resolute Bay. 7.35 Edbaysaan. 8.05 Lombard Ships. 8.35 Laurel Romeo. 9.05 Solartica.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 7.35 **WINGED VICTORY** (nap). 9.05 Solartica.

GOING: GOOD — SIS
DRAW: 6F, HIGH NUMBERS BEST

6.35 HALEWOOD APPRENTICES HANDICAP
(£2,717: 7f 30yd) (6 runners)

1 (2) 050003 FINJAN 3 (C,D,F) (Mrs R Craven) M Ware 6-10-0 — V Halliday 91
2 (6) 133511 SILKY SIREN 17 (D,F,G) (S Nocon) M Pipe 4-9-4 — R Painter (5) 92
3 (5) 031553 SARTIGILA 8 (S) (J Lishman) M Hammond 4-8-10 — J Marshall 89
4 (1) 521350 VELOCE 5 (C,D,F,G) (M Gonzalez) A Bailey 5-8-3 — D Wright 98
5 (3) 000-441 LEAVE IT TO LIB 16 (D,F) (Mr C Calver) P Calver 6-8-9 — J Tate 96
6 (4) 431005 CHANTRY BELLINI 8 (S,D,G) (Mrs J Fitt Scott) C Thornton 4-7-5 Claire Balding (3) 95

BETTING: 6-4 Silky Siren, 7-2 Leave It To Lib, 5-1 Sartigila, 6-1 Finjan, 8-1 Veloce, 10-1 Chantry Bellini.

1992: HAMADRYAD 4-8-8 N Gwilliams (7-2) W Carter 5 ran

FORM FOCUS

FINJAN 2½l 3rd of 7 to Palacegate Touch in claimer at Ripon (6f, good). SILKY SIREN beat Prince Rooney nk in 5-runner apprentice handicap at Brighton (7f, good). SARTIGILA 1l 3rd of 8 to Debsy Do in handicap at Carlisle (5f 206yd, good to firm) with CHANTRY BELLINI (same terms) 3¾l 5th. VELOCE 4l 7th of 17 to Tawafij in handicap at Newcastle (7f, good to firm). LEAVE IT TO LIB beat Toledo Queen 1l in 7-runner handicap at Thirsk (7f, good to firm).
Selection: SILKY SIREN

7.05 GEORGE FORDHAM HANDICAP (£3,111: 6f) (10 runners)

1 (4) 6450-60 RESOLUTE BAY 5 (D,F,G) (D Buckley) R Whitaker 7-10-0 — A Culhane 91
2 (3) 00-0312 SURE LORD 9 (D,BF,F) (Gucci Club Ltd) W Muir 4-9-10 — M Roberts 94
3 (5) 000-002 EDUCATED PET 5 (D,F,G,S) (B Morgan) M Johnston 4-9-9 — T Williams 89
4 (7) 216434 DOKKHA OYSTON 31 (D,G,S) (M Gruber) J Berry 5-9-8 — J Carroll 94
5 (10) 125311 SOBERING THOUGHTS 10 (D,F,G) (W Solomon) J Eyre 7-9-7 (7ex) — O Pears (5) 93
6 (1) 10060-3 INVIGILATE 8 (D,F,G) (Mrs F Pratt) M Ware 4-9-6 — L Charnock 95
7 (9) 360014 BALLAD DANCER 12 (D,BF,G,S) (W Friend) P Calver 8-8-13 — M Birch 93
8 (6) 010036 MISS ARAGON 8 (D,G) (T Chevalier) Miss L Siddall 5-8-2 — P Robinson 96
9 (2) 0-03206 ASTERIX 12 (V,D,F) (C Hunt) J Bradley 5-8-3 — J Weaver (3) 97
10 (8) 604002 SULLY'S CHOICE 10 (B,C,D,F,G,S) (C Chapman) 12-7-12 — Darren Moffatt (5) 98

BETTING: 7-2 Educated Pet, 4-1 Sure Lord, 5-1 Sobering Thoughts, 6-1 Dokkha Oyston, 8-1 Ballad Dancer, Invigilate, 10-1 Miss Aragon, Sully's Choice, Invigilate, 12-1 Resolute Bay, Asterix.

1992: MASSIBA 3-9-1 G Duffield (5-4 fav) M Heaton-Ellis 5 ran

FORM FOCUS

SURE LORD 1½l 2nd of 7 to Scots Law in handicap at Brighton (6f, good to firm). EDUCATED PET 2l 2nd of 16 to Castlerea Lad in handicap at Newcastle (6f, good to firm) with RESOLUTE BAY (same terms) 2½l 9th. DOKKHA OYSTON 5l 4th of 15 to Birchwood Sun in claimer at Redcar (6f, good). SOBERING THOUGHTS beat SULLY'S CHOICE (7lb better off) 1l in 9-runner handicap at Pontefract (6f, good to firm). INVIGILATE 2¾l 3rd of 11 to Master Pokey in handicap at Carlisle (5f 207yd, good to firm) with MISS ARAGON (same terms) 3¾l 6th. BALLAD DANCER 1¾l 4th of 12 to Across in handicap at Redcar (7f, firm) with ASTERIX (1lb better off) 2¼l 6th.
Selection: SULLY'S CHOICE

7.35 HAYDOCK PARK JULY TROPHY STAKES — SKY
(Listed race: 3-Y-O colts & geldings: £10,308: 1m 3f 200yd) (4 runners)

1 (1) 2132-51 DECLASSIFIED 10 (F,G) (E Evans) L Cumani 8-13 — R Cochrane 81
2 (2) 51 EDBAYSAAN 22 (D,G) (Sheikh Essa Bin Mubarak) H Cecil 8-10 — W Ryan 80
3 (3) 1- REVERE 245 (S) (F Salman) P Cole 8-10 — T Quinn 82
4 (4) 622 WINGED VICTORY 16 (Pin Oak Stable) J Gosden 8-10 — W R Swinburn 89

BETTING: 4-6 Winged Victory, 4-1 Edbaysaan, 11-2 Declassified, 7-1 Revere

1992: ALPHARD 8-10 W Ryan (13-8) H Cecil 3 ran

FORM FOCUS

DECLASSIFIED beat Gone For A Burton 2l in 3-runner conditions race at Windsor (1m 2f, good). EDBAYSAAN beat Dazee 3l in 11-runner maiden at Kempton (1m 4f, good). REVERE beat Fools Errand 6l in 13-runner maiden at Nottingham (1m 54yd, good to soft) on racecourse debut. WINGED VICTORY nk 2nd of 8 to Beneficial in group II King Edward VII Stakes at Royal Ascot (1m 4f, good to soft).
Selection: WINGED VICTORY

8.05 NORTHWICH CLAIMING STAKES — SKY
(£2,479: 1m 30yd) (11 runners)

1 (1) 160606- COASTAL EXPRESS 286 (D,F,G) (Mrs R Heaton) E Weymes 4-9-9 — K Darley 82
2 (3) 363360- VANART 233 (W Haigh) W Haigh 4-9-6 — S Webster 87
3 (4) 0000-52 SIR ARTHUR HOBBS 12 (CD,F,G) (J Hardman) F Lee 6-9-5 — R Lappin 95
4 (5) 111328 WHITE CREEK 3 (V,D,B,S) (J Brown) J Berry 3-9-2 — J Carroll 97
5 (8) 00 ARCTIC LINE 31 (V) (E Hayward) J Bradley 5-9-0 — J Weaver (3) —
6 (2) 0-52610 PRINCESS OF ORANGE 8 (D,S) (D McDuffie) W Brisbourne 4-9-0 — S Maloney (3) 95
7 (10) 01100-0 LAZY RHYTHM 7 (CD,G,S) (Mrs C Hirst) J Eyre 7-8-13 — O Pears (5) 78
8 (9) 0000 GREY ANCONA 13 (V) (D Gorton) C Tinkler 4-8-12 — L Charnock 91
9 (7) 045313 LOMBARD SHIPS 12 (B,CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Mitchell) A Bailey 6-8-12 — A Mackay 99
10 (6) TOMMY TRUNGLE (T Harrington) T Caldwell 3-8-11 — W Ryan —
11 (11) 004-600 TINA MEENA LISA 41 (E Owen jun) E Owen jun 4-8-9 — C Dwyer 89

BETTING: 11-4 Lombard Ships, 7-2 Sir Arthur Hobbs, 4-1 White Creek, 5-1 Princess of Orange, 8-1 Lazy Rhythm, 10-1 Coastal Express, 12-1 Grey Ancona, Vanart, 14-1 others.

1992: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM FOCUS

COASTAL EXPRESS 7½l 8th of 11 to Gallery Artist in claimer at Southwell (AW, 7f). SIR ARTHUR HOBBS 1½l 2nd of 7 to Young Valentine in handicap at Ayr (7f, good to soft) with LOMBARD SHIPS (1lb worse off) sh hd 3rd. WHITE CREEK 4l 2nd of 4 to Dancing Domino in handicap at Ayr (7f, good to soft) on penultimate start. PRINCESS OF ORANGE 6l 8th of 13 to Queen Warrior in handicap at Carlisle (1m, good to firm), previously beat Dancing Beau hd in 11-runner handicap at Nottingham (1m 54yd, soft). LOMBARD SHIPS beat Barley Cake 6l in 6-runner claimer at Ayr (1m, good to soft) on penultimate start.
Selection: WHITE CREEK

8.35 SUMMER SELLING STAKES — SKY
(2-Y-O: £2,451: 6f) (8 runners)

1 (2) 00 AGGIES DREAM 12 (A Stamp) J Bradley 8-11 — J Weaver (3) —
2 (6) GOVERNOR'S BAY (E Bennion) W Clay 8-11 — D Wright (7) —
3 (4) 54 LAUREL ROMEO 16 (Laurel Leisure Ltd) J Berry 8-11 — J Carroll 95
4 (1) 33533 MR BLOBBY 30 (B) (Twenty-Four Carat Racing) J Berry 8-11 — L Charnock 97
5 (8) 00 SILVERISTE 24 (Ox Hill Flyers) C Smith 8-11 — M Wigham —
6 (7) 332 TURTLE ROCK 22 (P Savill) S Norton 8-11 — K Darley 96
7 (3) KATHANNA (T Stuart) B Palling 8-6 — W Ryan —
8 (5) 052 SPRINGHEAD 7 (Bridge Club) M Hammond 8-6 — J Marshall (7) 99

BETTING: 5-2 Laurel Romeo, 3-1 Springhead, 7-2 Turtle Rock, 4-1 Mr Blobby, 8-1 Kathanna, 12-1 Governor's Bay, 16-1 others.

1992: SIMPLY AMISS 8-1 G Duffield (7-4 fav) M Prescott 6 ran

FORM FOCUS

GOVERNOR'S BAY (foaled May 5) half-brother by Governor General to a number of winners, including 1m 4f-2m winner Atlantic Way. LAUREL ROMEO 5l 4th of 11 to Imposing Groom in maiden auction at Thirsk (7f, good to firm). MR BLOBBY 3½l 3rd of 12 to Left Stranded in seller at Leicester (6f, good). TURTLE ROCK 8l 2nd of 9 to Brallle in maiden auction at Hamilton (6f, good to soft). SPRINGHEAD ½l 2nd of 13 to Harpo's Special in seller at Carlisle (5f 207yd, firm).
Selection: SPRINGHEAD

9.05 RUNCORN HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £3,160: 1m 6f) (5 runners)

1 (1) 10-2420 SOUL EMPEROR 13 (C,S) (F Salman) M Bell 9-7 — T Quinn 99
2 (2) 52-2321 SOLARTICA 9 (D,F) (B Nielsen) J Fanshawe 9-4 (5ex) — W R Swinburn 93
3 (3) 0051 HADDAAJ 6 (F) (Shaikh Ahmed Al-Maktoum) B Hanbury 9-2 (3ex) — M Roberts 97
4 (4) 812135 PRIME PAINTER 10 (G,S) (Mrs S Fletcher) R Fisher 8-11 — L Aspell (7) 93

BETTING: 6-4 Solartica, 9-4 Soul Emperor, 5-2 Haddaaj, 8-1 Prime Painter

1992: JACK BUTTON 9-7 N Day (7-2) Bob Jones 4 ran

FORM FOCUS

SOUL EMPEROR 1½l 2nd of 5 to Dareciff in handicap at Newbury (1m 4f, good to firm) on penultimate start. SOLARTICA beat Fowery 5l in 6-runner maiden at Yarmouth (1m 6f 17yd, good to firm). HADDAAJ beat My Set Peace 2½l in 4-runner claimer at Goodwood (1m 4f, good to firm). PRIME PAINTER 3½l 5th of 9 to Latvian in apprentice handicap at Edinburgh (1m 3f 32yd, good); earlier beat Contract Elite 1½l in 4-runner apprentice handicap at Hamilton (1m 4f 17yd, good to soft).
Selection: SOLARTICA (nap)

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Rnrs	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
H Cecil	17	51	33.3	R Cochrane	7	44	15.9
J Gosden	18	59	30.5	W Ryan	20	127	15.7
M Bell	7	31	22.6	R Lappin	5	33	15.2
L Cumani	14	68	20.6	M Roberts	15	103	14.6
P Cole	8	41	19.5	W R Swinburn	8	58	13.8
B Hanbury	6	58	10.3	T Quinn	8	60	13.3

NOTTINGHAM

THUNDERER
6.20 Balzino. 6.50 Sommersby. 7.20 Rocky Two. 7.50 Persiansky. 8.20 Hyde's Happy Hour. 8.50 Pyrrhic Dance.
Our Newmarket Correspondent: 6.50 Sommersby.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM — SIS
DRAW: 5F-6F, HIGH NUMBERS BEST

6.20 LADIES FIRST SELLING HANDICAP
(£2,162: 1m 6f 15yd) (14 runners)

1 5113 JALORE 6 (CD,S) R Hollinshead 4-10-0 — G Duffield 10
2 0340 BALZINO 20 Mrs J Ramsden 4-9-11 — K Fallon 5
3 06/ KINTARO 604J P Evans 5-9-11 — J Williams 8
4 00-0 GREEN'S SEAGO 31J (G) J Harris 5-9-11 — J Quinn 2
5 0004 MANULEADER 7 (G) J Norton 4-9-5 — G Hawksley (7) 6
6 00/0 EASY TOOMEY 8 J Jenkins 5-9-3 — Pat Eddery 8
7 0-03 VIAGGIO 9 (V) J Akehurst 5-9-2 — L Dettori 7
8 -025 MISS PIMPERNEL 17 B Hanbury 3-9-0 — NON-RUNNER 13
9 6046 MEDIA STAR 7 (D,F,G) T Kersey 8-8-8 — Alex Greaves 12
10 0000 ABSOLUTLEY FOXED 24 (B) B McMahon 4-8-5 S Sanders (7) 11
11 0454 NANCY 10 (B) W Essey 3-8-4 — Dale Gibson 3
12 00-0 LODGING 10 (V,F) B Ellison 6-8-4 — G Hind 14
13 -265 MUST BE MAGICAL 19 (B) J Mackie 5-7-13 — G Carter 4
14 0-03 BAJAN AFFAIR 10 Miss L Siddall 3-7-8 — E Johnson 1

3-1 Viaggio, 4-1 Balzino, 5-1 Jalore, 6-1 Nancy, 13-2 Bajan Affair, 8-1 Media Star, 12-1 Must Be Magical, 14-1 Green's Seago, 16-1 others.

6.50 SILK STOCKINGS MAIDEN AUCTION STAKES (2-Y-O: £3,348: 6f 15yd) (10)

1 630 ABSOLUTELY FAYRE 19 P Harris 9-0 — Paul Eddery 10
2 ARCTIC DIAMOND Mrs J Ramsden 8-8 — K Fallon 2
3 CAPTAIN SCARLET B Meehan 9-0 — S Whitworth 3
4 0 MERLIN'S FIELD 10 R Hannon 9-0 — A McGlone 6
5 RUNIC SYMBOL M Blanshard 9-0 — J Quinn 6
6 6 SCHNOZZLE 33 M Fetherston-Godley 9-0 — L Dettori 1
7 SOMMERSBY A Stewart 9-0 — R Hills 7
8 STOREY'S GATE J Fanshawe 9-0 — G Duffield 8
9 5 UN PARFUM DE FEMME 28 J Pearce 9-0 — G Bardwell 4
10 5 SANGARE 8 J Dunlop 8-9 — Pat Eddery 9

9-4 Sommersby, 7-2 Sangare, 5-1 Schnozzle, 7-1 Storey's Gate, 8-1 Absolutely Fayre, Merlin's Field, 12-1 Arctic Diamond, 20-1 others.

7.20 PRETTY WOMAN CLAIMING STAKES (2-Y-O: £2,087: 5f 13yd) (6) — SKY

1 210 LUCKY FOURTEEN 5 (D,G) D Chapman 9-5 — J Fanning 6
2 0 CREEK VALLEY 14 Mrs J Ramsden 8-10 — K Fallon 2
3 0340 ROCKY TWO 7 B McMahon 8-10 — S Sanders (7) 1
4 4 BOLD TIME MONKEY 27 J Berry 8-6 — G Carter 5
5 42 CLARET BUMBLE 15 P Makin 8-3 — T Sprake 3
6 SPORTSGUIDE'S GIRL B Meehan 8-0 — B Doyle (3) 4

6-4 Claret Bumble, 3-1 Rocky Two, 4-1 Lucky Fourteen, 11-2 Bold Time Monkey, 12-1 Creek Valley, 16-1 Sportsguides Girl.

7.50 GEM AM HANDICAP — SKY
(3-Y-O: £2,892: 1m 54yd) (8)

1 0411 PERSIANSKY 6 (D,F,G) B Hanbury 9-10 (7ex) — L Dettori 6
2 0-00 LIAB 59 A Scott 9-7 — R Hills 1
3 -300 MOVE SMARTLY 33 F Lee 9-1 — S Perks 4
4 0602 LATEST FLAME 6 (F) M Channon 9-1 — Pat Eddery 5
5 664 PREMIER STAR 15 M Bell 9-0 — M Fenton (3) 3
6 2123 MRS DAWSON 7 (D,F) A Hambly 8-12 — A Proud 7
7 00-4 ALMONTY 14 T Mills 8-9 — G Carter 2
8 2080 EXCESS BAGGAGE 33 (CD,G) N Callaghan 8-6 — J Williams 8

2-1 Latest Flame, 5-2 Persiansky, 4-1 Mrs Dawson, 7-1 Premier Star, 10-1 Liab, 12-1 Almonty, Move Smartly, 25-1 Excess Baggage.

8.20 MARDI GRAS LIMITED STAKES (3-Y-O: £2,313: 1m 1f 213yd) (8) — SKY

1 -345 BADAWI 94 C Allen 9-0 — B Forster (7) 5
2 20-2 GIORDANO 12 P Evans 9-0 — J Williams 2
3 -821 HYDE'S HAPPY HOUR 13 (D,S) N Tinkler 9-0 — Pat Eddery 1
4 5510 SOVIET EXPRESS 19 (G) P Cole 9-0 — Paul Eddery 7
5 648 THATCHED 15 C Wall 9-0 — N Day 6
6 09-1 TIME HONORED 7 (F) M Prescott 9-0 — G Duffield 3
7 0063 MAJOR TRIUMPH 12 G Bravery 8-9 — L Dettori 8
8 -233 SHIRLEY ROSE 31 M Johnston 8-9 — Dean McKeown 4

5-2 Hyde's Happy Hour, 3-1 Time Honored, 9-2 Shirley Rose, 11-2 Soviet Express, 8-1 Major Triumph, 10-1 Giordano, 12-1 Thatched, 16-1 Badawi.

8.50 MIDLANDS LADIES RACING CLUB MAIDEN HANDICAP — SKY
(£2,825: 1m 1f 213yd) (8)

1 5404 CONCINNITY 8 L Holt 4-9-10 — A McGlone 2
2 -435 PYRRHIC DANCE 10 J Hills 3-9-3 — R Hills 4
3 3000 ON GOLDEN POND 12 P Cole 3-8-8 — L Dettori 7
4 0/00 INFERRING 15 J Wainwright 5-8-12 — Dean McKeown 1
5 -000 CROMER'S EXPRESS 12 T Kersey 4-8-5 — G Hind 6
6 00-0 SMART TEACHER 21 P Harris 3-8-4 — N Adams 3
7 /000 HYDROPIC 12 D Chapman 6-8-0 — J Fanning 8
8 000- IGNITED 198 K Morgan 3-7-12 — N Carlisle 5

13-8 Pyrrhic Dance, 9-4 Concinnity, 4-1 On Golden Pond, 7-1 Smart Teacher, 14-1 Inferring, 16-1 Cromer's Express, 25-1 Hydropic, 33-1 Ignited.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: N Callaghan, 7 winners from 30 runners, 23.3%; P Cole, 15 from 72, 20.8%; J Dunlop, 21 from 110, 19.1%; J Fanshawe, 5 from 29, 17.2%; M Prescott, 6 from 37, 16.2%; J Pearce, 3 from 21, 14.3%.

JOCKEYS: Pat Eddery, 35 winners from 136 rides, 25.7%; L Dettori, 22 from 117, 18.8%; A Garth, 3 from 28, 10.7%; Paul Eddery, 10 from 97, 10.3%. Only qualifiers.

Blinkered first time

YARMOUTH: 2.40 J'Arrive, Cosmic Star. 3.10 Elton Ledger. 4.10 Glenfield Greta. 4.40 Spanish Storm, Dramanice. CATTERICK: 2.00 Murasil, Sneek. BRIGHTON: 2.20 Nonios. 2.50 Pocono Knight. HAYDOCK PARK: 8.35 Mr Blobby.

BRIGHTON

THUNDERER
2.20 Nonios. 2.50 Cape Pigeon. 3.20 PRECIOUS AIR (nap). 3.50 Malindi Bay. 4.20 So Saucy. 4.50 Tajdid.
The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 4.50 NO EXTRAS.

GOING: FIRM — SIS
DRAW: 5F-1M, LOW NUMBERS BEST

2.20 EBF MEDIAN AUCTION MAIDEN STAKES
(2-Y-O: £3,048: 6f 209yd) (4 runners)

1 00 KILLING TIME 27 (BF) R Hannon 9-0 — B Raymond 1
2 3832 NONIOS 12 (V) B Meehan 9-0 — W Newnes 3
3 5 NORTHERN BALLWICK 6 M Usher 9-0 — N Adams 4
4 BECKI'S CHOICE F O'Mahony 8-9 — D Biggs 2

8-11 Nonios, 7-4 Killing Time, 7-1 Northern Ballwick, 14-1 Becki's Choice.

2.50 ROCK GARDENS CLAIMING STAKES
(£2,070: 6f 209yd) (8)

1 2036 CAPE PIGEON 17 (B,D,F,S) L Cottrell 8-9-1 — D Holland 7
2 0000 ACROSS THE BAY 26 (V,C,D,F,G,S) S Dow 6-8-13 — J Reid 1
3 3113 CALISAR 21 (D,G,S) W Turner 3-8-9 — T Sprake 4
4 00 AUNT ADA 13 R Rowe 4-8-8 — A Clark 5
5 8-0 LA POSADA 19 R Hannon 3-8-8 — S Raymond 8
6 606 POCONO KNIGHT 13 (B) M Madgwick 3-8-7 — B Rouse 3
7 0- JIM CANTLE 307 R Hoad 3-8-6 — W Newnes 6
8 DUE TEE AH R Simpson 3-7-13 — A Tucker 2

11-10 Cape Pigeon, 7-2 Calisar, 5-1 Across The Bay, 13-2 La Posada, 10-1 Pocono Knight, 16-1 Due Tee Ah, 20-1 Aunt Ada, 25-1 Jim Cantle.

3.20 JOE BLANKS MEMORIAL CHALLENGE CUP HANDICAP (£3,348: 7f 214yd) (5)

1 2092 HOPEFUL BID 13 (B,F) R Hannon 4-9-10 — J Reid 4
2 1123 DEEVEE 7 (CD,F,G) C Benstead 4-8-12 — P Robinson 2
3 -360 LYN'S RETURN 77 (F,G) R Simpson 4-8-12 — G Rothwell (7) 5
4 -010 KINGCHIP BOY 28 (CD,F,G) W Ryan 4-8-10 — D Biggs 1
5 2420 PRECIOUS AIR 19 (CD,F,G,S) A Moore 5-8-8 — B Rouse 3

9-4 Deevee, 3-1 Hopeful Bid, Kingchip Boy, 9-2 Precious Air, 7-1 Lyn's Return.

3.50 KINGSTON SELLING HANDICAP
(£2,406: 1m 3f 196yd) (12)

1 50/3 SALMONID 8 (D,F,G,S) B Meehan 7-10-0 — W Newnes 11
2 0-00 SEA PADDY 13 (D,F,G) R Bastiman 5-9-6 — H Bastiman (7) 2
3 -003 REEL OF TULLOCH 10 (G) P Haslam 4-9-2 — D Biggs 3
4 -005 CLEAR LIGHT 9 (V,D,G) C Smith 6-8-13 — M Wigham 9
5 3232 PRINCESS EVITA 17 (D,F) R Guest 4-8-12 — W Carson 6
6 3-58 KENYATTA 104J A Moore 4-8-10 — B Rouse 7
7 0504 MALINDI BAY 10 B McMath 5-8-7 — J Reid 4
8 4653 ELIZA WOODING 105 (V,F) C Hill 5-8-5 — D Holland 5
9 0-00 JOLIS ABSENT 8 M Ryan 3-8-3 — P Robinson 8
10 0046 PETITE JESS 10 T Mills 3-8-0 — N Gwilliams (5) 10
11 0660 BEAT THE BAGMAN 10 L Holt 3-8-0 — N Adams 1
12 -000 CHINAMAN 6 (B) W Wightman 4-7-12 — A Tucker 12

3-1 Reel Of Tulloch, 4-1 Princess Evita, 5-1 Malindi Bay, 13-2 Kenyatta, 8-1 Salmonid, 10-1 Eliza Wooding, Clear Light, 12-1 Jolis Absent, 16-1 others.

4.20 PEVENSEY HANDICAP
(3-Y-O: £2,976: 1m 1f 209yd) (9)

1 5605 ALDERNEY PRINCE 18 (F) P Cole 9-7 — T G McLaughlin (7) 3
2 4356 NITOUCHE 8 (G) A Hide 9-3 — J Reid 5
3 543 AZOLA 12 D Loder 9-0 — B Raymond 1
4 5000 BLOWING 21 G Harwood 8-6 — Gaye Harwood (7) 9
5 -000 MUHTASHIM 54 J Dunlop 8-6 — D Holland 8
6 6-00 SEDGY'S SISTER 22 P Jones 8-5 — Stephen Davies (5) 2
7 0421 SO SAUCY 15 (D,S) B Meehan 8-2 — B Doyle (3) 6
8 2004 STEVIE'S WONDER 6 (G) T Mills 7-11 — N Gwilliams (5) 7
9 -504 KAWASIR 19 (V) P Walwyn 7-10 — W Carson 4

5-2 So Saucy, 7-2 Azola, 4-1 Alderney Prince, 11-2 Stevie's Wonder, 6-1 Nitouche, 8-1 Kawasir, 14-1 Blowing, 20-1 Muhtashim, 25-1 Sedgy's Sister.

4.50 PRESTON PARK LIMITED STAKES
(£2,243: 6f 209yd) (9)

1 05-5 DIACO 9 (C,D,F,G) M Jarvis 8-9-7 — P Robinson 3
2 0-30 CASHMIRIANA 21 J Bosley 4-9-2 — N Gwilliams (5) 8
3 548- DANNY BLUE 238 Miss Bev Kelleway 3-8-13 — D Holland 4
4 0621 NO EXTRAS 6 (F,G) G Moore 3-8-13 — B Rouse 7
5 0-51 TAJDID 9 (D,F) H Thomson Jones 3-8-13 — W Carson 1
6 3P41 DESERT NOMAD 9 (CD,F) S Dow 3-8-8 — B Raymond 2
7 0001 FRANCIA 17 (D,G) A Hide 3-8-8 — J Reid 5
8 060 LITTLE MISS RIBOT 23 R O'Sullivan 3-8-8 — B Russell (7) 9
9 0000 SHARP GAZELLE 31 (F) B Smart 3-8-8 — W Newnes 6

11-4 No Extras, 7-2 Tajdid, 4-1 Desert Nomad, 11-2 Francia, 7-1 Diaco, 10-1 Danny Blue, 12-1 Cashmiriana, 20-1 Little Miss Ribot, 25-1 Sharp Gazelle.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: H Thomson Jones, 5 winners from 15 runners, 33.3%; G Harwood, 18 from 61, 29.5%; M Jarvis, 10 from 42, 23.8%; J Dunlop, 15 from 70, 21.4%; M Ryan, 12 from 56, 21.4%; R Hannon, 37 from 196, 18.9%.

JOCKEYS: W Carson, 46 winners from 185 rides, 24.9%; D Holland, 8 from 46, 17.4%; P Robinson, 3 from 18, 16.7%; J Reid, 30 from 188, 16%; B Raymond, 7 from 51, 13.7%; M Wigham, 5 from 40, 12.5%.

JUDDMONTE INTERNATIONAL STAKES ENTRIES: Alhijaz, Arcangues, Barathea, Blues Traveller, Bobzao, Dancing Bloom, Emperor Jones, Environment Friend, Ezzoud, Fatherland, Fitzcarraldo, Geisway, George Augustus, Great Palm, Guado D'Annibale, Jeune Homme, Lucky Lindy, Manterie, Market Booster, Mr Richard, Needle Gun, Opera House, Perfect Imposter, Persian Brave, Red Bishop, Redenham, Revelation, Sabrehill, Siam, Spartan Shareef, Sueboog, Tenby, User Friendly, Wagon Master, Wharf, White Muzzle, Yawl (Run over 1m 2f at York on August 17)

CATTERICK

THUNDERER
2.00 Sense Of Priority. 2.30 Kayartis. 3.00 Call To Mind. 3.30 Mhemeanles. 4.00 Smuggler's Point. 4.30 Prince Songline.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM — SIS
DRAW: 5F-7F, LOW NUMBERS BEST

2.00 SILVER BIRCH SELLING STAKES
(£2,364: 5f 212yd) (9 runners)

1 4222 MURRAY'S MAZDA 22 (D,BF,F,G) J Berry 4-9-7 — J Carroll 3
2 06-2 SAMSON-AGONISTES 8 (D,BF,F) B McMahon 7-9-7 J Fortune 8
3 0066 SENSE OF PRIORITY 17 (C,F) M H Easterby 4-9-7 — K Darley 9
4 4004 ANGELS ANSWER 8 (B) Mrs M Reveley 4-9-2 Darren Moffatt (5) 1
5 0820 BREEZE AWAY 14 (D,F) R Whitaker 4-9-2 — A Culhane 5
6 3000 JOVIAL KATE 57 (D,G) B Ellison 6-9-2 — G Hind 8
7 0005 MURASIL 7 (V) M Naughton 4-9-0 — K Fallon 2
8 /0 SNEEK 31J (B) Mrs V Aconley 5-9-0 — O Pears (5) 4
9 05 TRIBAT 6 B Hanbury 3-8-2 — S Maloney (3) 7

11-8 Samson-Agonistes, 100-30 Murray's Mazda, 6-1 Angels Answer, Sense Of Priority, 10-1 Breeze Away, 12-1 Tribat, 33-1 others.

2.30 OLD OAK HANDICAP
(£2,794: 1m 7f 177yd) (7)

1 0400 TOUR LEADER 16 T Barron 4-10-0 — K Darley 7
2 -213 KAYARTIS 10 (C,D,BF,F,S) Mrs M Reveley 4-9-12 — J Lowe 6
3 6923 QUALITAIR SOUND 5 J Bottomley 5-9-3 — L Charnock 3
4 0302 MINGUS 8 (S) R Fisher 6-9-1 — K Fallon 4
5 -605 BOOTIKIN 7 (B) W Elsey 5-9-0 — J Quinn 5
6 0025 ALPHA HELIX 10 (V,C,F,G,S) Miss L Perratt 10-8-5 J Fanning 1
7 4534 GREY COMMANDER 10 (G) M Brittain 5-8-5 — A Mackay 2

3-1 Kayartis, 7-2 Grey Commander, 9-2 Qualitair Sound, 5-1 Mingus, 6-1 Tour Leader, 8-1 Alpha Helix, 20-1 Bootikin.

3.00 TATTERSALLS MAIDEN AUCTION SERIES STAKES (2-Y-O: £3,289: 7f) (8)

1 PRIZEFIGHTER T Barron 8-13 — J Fortune 5
2 -3 SKY DIVER 15 M H Easterby 8-12 — K Darley 1
3 002 DIAMOND FRONTIER 13 J Berry 8-10 — J Carroll 3
4 GUYLAIN P Calver 8-9 — Dale Gibson 2
5 322 CALL TO MIND 10 M H Easterby 8-7 — M Birch 4
6 MON ROUGE R Boss 8-6 — A Mackay 6
7 NEW INN E Weymes 8-6 — Dean McKeown 7
8 3464 STUDFORD GIRL 12 M W Easterby 8-1 — L Charnock 8

11-4 Call To Mind, 3-1 Diamond Frontier, 5-1 Sky Diver, 6-1 Guylain, 9-1 Prizefighter, 10-1 Studford Girl, 14-1 Mon Rouge, New Inn.

3.30 RAMBLING ROSE HANDICAP
(3-Y-O: £3,406: 7f) (5)

1 -506 MHEMEANLES 23 (D,F,G,S) M H Easterby 9-7 S Maloney (3) 5
2 2305 NORTH ARDAR 20 (D,G) M Johnston 8-4 — Dean McKeown 1
3 5828 MISSED THE BOAT 10 (B) T Barron 8-2 — K Darley 3
4 6654 PUBLIC WAY 14 (CD,G) N Chamberlain 8-2 — J Lowe 2
5 0062 BRAXTON BRAGG 10 M Hammond 7-11 — J Fanning 4

15-8 Braxton Bragg, 9-4 Missed The Boat, 100-30 Mhemeanles, 7-1 North Ardar, Public Way.

4.00 WEEPING WILLOW RATING RELATED MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-O: £3,231: 1m 5f 175yd) (3)

1 000- RUSHALONG 348 R Woodhouse 9-0 — T Lucas 1
2 -006 SMUGGLER'S POINT 15 J Gosden 9-0 — J Carroll 2
3 -222 MEANT TO BE 15 (BF) D Loder 8-9 — J Weaver (3) 3

4-6 Meant To Be, 11-10 Smugglers Point, 20-1 Rushalong.

4.30 SPREADING CHESTNUT HANDICAP
(3-Y-O: £2,950: 5f 212yd) (7)

1 0054 MY GODSON 18 (C,F,S) B Beasley 9-7 — O Pears (5) 4
2 1341 MISS WHITTINGHAM 7 (CD,F,G,S) J Berry 9-6 (7ex) J Carroll 3
3 3125 PRINCE SONGLINE 6 (D,G) R Boss 9-3 — A Mackay 5
4 -000 SECOND COLOURS 22 (D,F) Mrs M Reveley 9-1 — K Darley 2
5 605 MAJOR JACK 12 P Monteith 8-13 — S D Williams (8) 7
6 0-54 SELFISH LADY 16 J Spearing 8-2 — J Lowe 6
7 0-09 MASTER PECKITT 13 S Kettlewell 8-0 — J Fanning 1

2-1 Miss Whittingham, 11-4 Second Colours, 9-2 My Godson, Prince Songline, 20-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: J Gosden, 8 winners from 21 runners, 38.1%; R Boss, 3 from 10, 30.0%; Mrs M Reveley, 10 from 46, 21.7%; T Barron, 21 from 116, 18.1%; J Berry, 29 from 172, 16.9%; J Spearing, 4 from 26, 15.4%.

JOCKEYS: O Pears, 8 winners from 37 rides, 21.6%; J Carroll, 26 from 142, 18.3%; K Darley, 29 from 165, 17.6%; J Weaver, 5 from 33, 15.2%; M Birch, 22 from 162, 13.6%; J Fortune, 10 from 81, 12.3%.

Old Hook cash withheld

Bookmakers are still withholding payment on Tuesday's Belgian-trained Folkestone winner, Old Hook, pending completion of their enquiries. However, Weatherbys yesterday admitted its mistake in failing to make public Old Hook's previous form at Brighton.

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THUNDERER
2.10 Nawahil (if abs Rahil). 2.40 Shining Jewel. 3.10 Martinosky. 3.40 Bet A Plan. 4.10 Quaver. 4.40 Tik Fa. 5.10 Lots Of Luck.

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2.10 HAPPISBURGH MAIDEN STAKES
(£4,776: 1m 3f 101yd) (10 runners)

1 0 COMFORTABLE 13 M Tompkins 3-8-9 — S Mulvey (7) 4
2 63- DOVER PATROL 247 H Cecil 3-8-9 — A McGlone 6
3 6-0 HATTA SUNSHINE 22 J Gosden 3-8-9 — Paul Eddery 1
4 PRINCE OF ANDROS D Loder 3-8-9 — L Dettori 5
5 54 RAHIL 26 H Thomson Jones 3-8-9 — R Hills 9
6 0 RUSSIAN EMPIRE 13 M Stoute 3-8-9 — M Roberts 2
7 33 NAWAHIL 21 (BF) A Stewart 3-8-4 — T Quinn 10
8 22 PRETTY BABY 21 R Williams 3-8-4 — M Hills 3
9 0 USK THE WAY 69 H Cecil 3-8-4 — W Ryan 7
10 0 WANNABE 13 L Cumani 3-8-4 — NON-RUNNER 8

Nawahil is a doubtful runner

5-1 Nawahil, 7-2 Usk The Way, 4-1 Russian Empire, 5-1 Rahil, 6-1 Dover Patrol, 8-1 Pretty Baby, 10-1 Hatta Sunshine, 12-1 others.

2.40 HIGH STEWARD CLAIMING STAKES
(£2,579: 1m 3yd) (8)

1 0442 SHINING JEWEL 1 (CD,F,G) Mrs L Piggott 6-9-5 — L Piggott 6
2 0520 POP TO STANS 29 (F,G) J Pearce 4-9-1 — Alex Greaves 8
3 4500 J'ARRIVE 19 (V) D Morris 4-8-6 — C Hodgson (5) 5
4 -000 GREY WATCH 22 P Howling 3-8-3 — Paul Eddery 7
5 400 YOSHAARIK 6 B Hanbury 3-8-2 — M Roberts 1
6 5000 COSMIC STAR 20 (B,F) S Woods 3-8-1 — W Woods 3
7 0-42 STRIKE-A-POSE 13 (F,G) C Williams 3-8-1 — J Quinn 2
8 -034 YFOOL 13 (BF) J Fanshawe 3-8-1 — R Hills 4

9-4 Shining Jewel, 11-4 Strike-A-Pose, 7-2 Yfool, 6-1 Pop To Stans, 8-1 Yoshaarik, 10-1 J'Arrive, 12-1 others.

3.10 FRED ARMSTRONG HANDICAP
(£2,769: 6f 3yd) (6)

1 0230 MARTINOSKY 24 (D,BF,F,G) G Bravery 7-10-0 W R Swinburn 5
2 0203 AFRICAN CHIMES 12 (D,F,G) M Chapman 6-9-12 — L Dettori 6
3 -880 WHERE'S THE DANCE 12 C Brittain 3-9-9 — M Roberts 2
4 0600 ELTON LEDGER 45 (B,D,G) A Scott 4-9-2 — Paul Eddery 4
5 0433 SPRING HIGH 1 (B,CD,F,G) K Ivory 6-9-0 — C Scally (7) 3
6 00-0 AZRAG 63 T Thomson Jones 3-8-13 — R Hills 1

3-1 African Chimes, 7-2 Martinosky, 4-1 Spring High, 5-1 Where's The Dance, 6-1 Elton Ledger, 8-1 Azrag.

3.40 DUNSTON SELLING STAKES
(2-Y-O: £2,259: 6f 3yd) (5)

1 0530 CLASSICAL DON 17 J Jenkins 8-11 — L Dettori 3
2 4 DIAMOND CROWN 9 P Cole 8-11 — T Quinn 2
3 050 NORTHERN STORM 22 S Woods 8-11 — W Woods 1
4 50 BET A PLAN 9 G Lewis 8-6 — Paul Eddery 5
5 1200 GRECIAN GARDEN 7 (D,F) A Hambly 8-6 — J Tate (5) 4

5-4 Bet A Plan, 7-4 Diamond Crown, 4-1 Grecian Garden, 6-1 others.

4.10 LODDON FILLIES HANDICAP
(3-Y-O: £3,590: 7f 3yd) (4)

1 4-21 QUAVER 19 (D,S) J Gosden 3-9-13 — M Roberts 2
2 0232 MISS GORGEOUS 7 (D,G) W O'Gorman 3-9-12 — Emma O'Gorman (3) 3
3 -065 DALALAH 16 (F) H Thomson Jones 3-9-6 — R Hills 1
4 -046 GLENFIELD GRETA 7 (B,F) P Felgate 5-9-2 — W Ryan 4

4-5 Quaver, 9-4 Dalalah, 5-1 Miss Gorgeous, 8-1 Glenfield Greta.

4.40 HEMSBY CONDITIONS STAKES
(£4,761: 7f 3yd) (7)

1 -510 TIK FA 29 (V,D,F,G,S) B Hanbury 4-9-9 — W R Swinburn 3
2 3512 BRIGADE 21 (D,G) D Loder 4-9-2 — L Dettori 6
3 -040 SPANISH STORM 15 (B,D,G) S Woods 4-9-1 — W Woods 4
4 -600 PEMBROKE 15 (D,G) J Gosden 3-8-12 — M Roberts 5
5 -322 LEE ARTISTE 19 (F) P Cole 5-8-9 — T Quinn 2
6 3122 DRAMANICE 7 (B,G) Mrs J Cecil 3-8-8 — L Piggott 7
7 2500 ROGER THE BUTLER 15 (S) M Bell 3-8-6 — M Hills 1

5-2 Pembroke, 3-1 Tik Fa, 7-2 Lee Artiste, 5-1 Roger The Butler, 8-1 Dramanice, 16-1 Brigade, 16-1 Spanish Storm.

5.10 HICKLING AMATEUR RIDERS HANDICAP
(£2,343: 1m 2f 21yd) (9)

1 02-0 LOTS OF LUCK 98 (CD,F,G,S) J Pearce 10-11-7 Mrs L Pearce 8
2 1053 DIGGER DOYLE 104J (G) P McBride 4-11-5 — V Lukaniuk (5) 5
3 4362 OVERPOWER 19 (F,S) M Tompkins 9-11-2 — M Jenkins (5) 1
4 3/0-0 THRESHFIELD 20 (F) B Curley 7-11-1 — C Curley (5) 4
5 0043 SUGEMAR 20 (C,F,G) M Chapman 7-10-13 — M Chapman (5) 3
6 5050 HERETICAL MISS 7 R Hannon 3-10-4 — Mrs J Boggis (6) 2
7 5/0- SHAURNI GIRL 518J R Harris 5-9-11 — Miss H Webster (5) 9
8 3421 THUNDERING 3 (F,S) A Jones 8-9-11 (5ex) Miss Diana Jones 7
9 00-1 HEAVY ROCK 3 (G) D Cosgrove 4-9-8 (5ex) — G Lewis 6

4-1 Threshfield, 9-2 Lots Of Luck, 5-1 Overpower, 11-2 Thundering, 6-1 Heavy Rock, 8-1 Sugemar, 10-1 Heretical Miss, 12-1 Digger Doyle, 20-1 Shaurni Girl.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: H Cecil, 31 winners from 83 runners, 37.3%; A Stewart, 14 from 52, 26.9%; J Gosden, 15 from 69, 21.7%; M Stoute, 16 from 78, 20.5%; Mrs J Cecil, 5 from 25, 20.0%; S Woods, 3 from 16, 18.8%.

JOCKEYS: Mr L Pearce, 3 winners from 6 rides, 50.0%; W Woods, 4 from 19, 21.1%; W Ryan, 21 from 109, 19.3%; L Piggott, 9 from 49, 18.4%; L Dettori, 20 from 112, 17.9%; M Hills, 11 from 63, 17.5%.

Tenby's gallop draws backing for Eclipse

TENBY completed his preparation for the Coral-Eclipse Stakes at Sandown on Saturday with a workout on the Newmarket gallops yesterday. The colt, ridden by Willie Ryan, travelled over about nine furlongs, finishing ahead of stablemate Wharf.

The disappointing odds-on Derby favourite, who finished tenth to stable companion Commander In Chief, continued to be supported for his recovery mission. William Hill cut his odds to 5-2 from 11-4, while Ladbrokes trimmed his quote from 3-1 to 11-4.

Barathea remains 9-4 favourite but Michael Roberts, who returns from suspension to ride at Yarmouth this afternoon, has still to decide whether to partner the Irish 2,000 Guineas winner or Opera House, the winner of the Coronation Cup at Epsom last month.

The champion jockey wants to give himself time to consider the weather forecast, which is predicting some rain tomorrow. Nick Cheyne, the clerk of the course at Sandown, said: "There is a possibility of rain but I don't think it will make much difference to the ground, which is good to firm."

The French challenger Arcangues, trained by Andre Fabre, was backed with the sponsors from 7-1 to 11-2.

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Britain's last hopes out of boys' singles but Durie and Bates reach last eight of mixed doubles


TONY WHITE

Congratulations: Todd Martin, right, shakes hands with his friend, Jim Courier, after losing to the third seed in the quarter-final of the men's singles yesterday

Courier plays it cool as Martin waves him through

BY ANDREW LONGMORE

THE tread is slow, the progress is steady, which is the way Jim Courier likes it. "This is the time it becomes real exciting," Courier said after he had reached his first Wimbledon semi-final with a straight-sets victory over Todd Martin yesterday.

But it is mighty hard to tell. Courier gives as little away off court as he does on it. "I just keep kind of shrugging and saying: 'Well, I'm still playing,'" he added. And playing and playing. Until the sun goes down or the key stops turning.

As the centre court erupted to the delights of Agassi, Sampras and Streisand, the Todd and Jimbo Show rumbled to its foregone conclusion next door amid all the animation of a Monday matinee at the Alhambra. It was not even cartoon time, though Martin would make an ideal Disney giant.

The pair are the best of friends, practice partners and dinner companions on the tour, but not one hint of recognition crossed the stony face hidden beneath the trademark baseball cap. Courier left his friendship back in the locker-room. Martin took his with him on to court alongside an inferiority complex borne out of a series of thrashings by his old mate. The score now is 5-0 to Courier and, as long as the balance of power remains in favour of the man from Dade City and Martin, ranked 30, knows his place, the friendship will stay intact.

Martin smiled more, which was partly why he lost. At one point in the middle of the second set, the best of the match, he even stood and applauded as Courier ran down a series of volleys and ended up in the first row of the stalls. Shortly after, the giant American misjudged a lob and was left stranded in mid-court. "Get your life together, Todd," a spectator shouted.

Had he been able to put his two feet in the right order, it would have helped, but he is an oak of a man and his tennis is rather too wooden for grass. Courier, with the build of a lumberjack, cut him down without even bothering to shout "timber".

Martin's one and only chance vanished with a ballooning forehand at 5-4, set point, which would have levelled the match. It was a soft point, a "gimme" as the players say, and the No 3 seed must have smiled to himself inside at his opponent's generosity. A few minutes later, a forehand pass gave Courier the tie-break and a 2-0 lead. Courier thought he had reached set-point. "I looked at the scoreboard and the set was over, it was a pleasant surprise," he said. After that, Martin was left to play purely for pride and, perhaps, the tab for the evening's dinner.

On grass, Courier is still an unknown quantity and Stefan Edberg, his semi-final opponent tomorrow, took the trouble to watch a few games yesterday, though he knows the American's style well enough. At times, Courier is driven to distraction by the now-you-see-me-now-you-don't routine of serve and volley, but he has been encouraged by Agassi's success from the baseline to adapt his ways rather than change them completely and the bounce of the courts more similar to hard courts is to his liking.


Martin: too generous

Delgado and Martin go down fighting

BY ALIX RAMSAY

BRITAIN'S interest in the boys' singles at Wimbledon finally disappeared after both Jamie Delgado and Paul Martin went out in the third round yesterday, Delgado losing 6-2, 7-5 to Razvan Sabu, of Romania, and Martin falling 6-3, 3-6, 6-4 to Alexandre Strambini, of Switzerland.

Martin had earlier beaten James Baily, a fellow Briton and the Australian junior champion, and yesterday's defeat came as a particular disappointment to the 17-year-old giant from Bristol. Despite his tender years, he already stands 6ft 5in, although his coach — and no doubt his mother — is relieved to say that he seems to have stopped growing.

As a junior, Martin is the fortunate position to have a personal coach by the very fact of growing up in the right place at the right time. Robert Hawkins has worked with Martin for the last six years and is his coach at school, Colstons Collegiate, and at county level. The relationship appears to work and now both are looking at ways to prolong the partnership once Martin leaves school next year.

"Paul has a fearsome armoury of shots and the more time he gets on court, the more that will become obvious," Hawkins said. "With his size, he has the potential to develop a really big serve and we are working on his mobility."

Growing with such speed and being of such height, Martin resembles a beanpole with feet, and sometimes his feet get in the way. Yesterday, after a slow start, he began to find his rhythm and make a match of it against the Strambini, 18. But, as yet, Martin lacks finesse. If he hits a good shot, it is a cracker; if he gets it wrong, there is no middle ground, and yesterday there were too many errors.

"That will come with matchplay," Hawkins said. "Once he has finished school, he can concentrate on tennis full time." In the meantime, Hawkins is beginning to work on Martin's physical strength, a delicate task with a teenager.

If he is pushed too hard too soon, the damage may be irreparable, but if he does not concentrate on muscle-power, he will be blown off court by the bigger men. "Now that he's stopped growing, he's beginning to fill out. We'll just have to wait and see," Hawkins said.

Jeremy Bates and Jo Durie, Wimbledon mixed doubles champions in 1987, missed eight match points before beating Australians John Fitzgerald and Liz Smylie 6-2, 6-7, 6-3 to move into the last eight.

The British pair might easily have won in straight sets, for they led 4-1 in the second set only to lose the next three games and the tie break 7-1.

Then they led 5-1, 40-0 on Smylie's serve in the final set only to miss six match points in that game and one each in the next two games before finally ending the contest.

There have been 14 fines imposed on players at Wimbledon so far this year, for everything from swearing to skipping the obligatory post-match news conference. Twelve men have been fined — but no women.

"I think we are just more restrained," Martina Navratilova said. "We don't spit on the court, either. Although I'm sure a couple of us would want to."

Only at Wimbledon could rudeness be polite. When the players get out of hand on court and are subsequently fined for verbal or racket abuse, the umpire's report is made public so that everybody can know how bad the bad boys have been. But only at Wimbledon could the offence be couched in such proper and formal tones.

The pick of the bunch of this year's code violations is Patrick McEnroe's outburst. The indictment reads: "Mr McEnroe, in discussion with the umpire, said 'You are *expletive deleted* wrong' This discussion was broadcast by BBC TV and heard by spectators." However you put it, it still cost McEnroe $1,000 (about £666).

Bud Collins, a commentator for NBC, the American television company, is well-known for the colourful trousers he wears during his broadcasts. Over the years, he has worn trousers with the faces of Muhammad Ali and George Foreman on them, and in 1991, he wore a pair with an all-over strawberry pattern.

This year, Collins said he brought four different pairs to choose from for this weekend's broadcasts. "I haven't made up my mind about what I'm wearing," he said. "I have a pair of plain ones that I may wear. And, of course, there are the florals.

"I also have saffron pants. They're made from the cloth Buddhist monks have their clothes made from — brilliant orange. And I have a pair that I wore in Paris last year. They are the only trousers that have appeared in a full-page colour photo from the waist down. They're in a French tennis history book."

In no state to quiz Drobny

THE question of Jaroslav Drobny's nationality has caused a problem for the historians of Wimbledon. According to the records, the 1954 champion came from Czechoslovakia.

However, Drobny had defected and was officially stateless until he was offered Egyptian nationality. One LTA official even remembers seeing him listed as stateless in the Wimbledon programme.

But when he won the championship, he was playing under the Egyptian flag; so the Egyptian gentleman who wrote to the club last week claiming Drobny as a fellow countryman was technically right ... but only just.

Frinton next

Where do the famed and fit go after Wimbledon? Frinton-on-Sea ... where, next week, Virginia Wade, Jo Durie, Ilie Nastase and Hana Mandlikova, all of whom are in action at the championships, will take part in the Dudley Stationery international veterans tournament.

Gentle touch

Meanwhile, as the saying goes: the older I get, the better I used to be. The Last 8 Club, the gathering point for former Wimbledon quarter-finalists, has been renamed by one retired gentleplayer "the last chance to be great club".

Quote of the day

Martina Navratilova on the fact that 12 men — and no women — have been fined at the championships: "I think we are more restrained ... We don't spit on the court, either: although I'm sure a couple of us would want to."

ALIX RAMSAY

Hingis must perform balancing act

BY JOHN GOODBODY

MARTINA Navratilova was adamant. She thought that the 12-year-old girl, who was named after the nine-times Wimbledon champion herself, should not have been playing in the junior tournament at Wimbledon against rivals often five years older.

Martina Hingis, who last month became the youngest junior grand slam winner when she took the French Open title, will play in the junior quarter-finals at Wimbledon today.


Hingis: precocious

Navratilova said: "It is too soon. If I had a 12 year-old, I would not do it with her, even if she were good enough."

History gives much support to the sentiments of Navratilova, who, like Hingis, was born in the former Czechoslovakia before emigrating. Jennifer Capriati, the No 7 seed here, had special permission to start on the professional circuit just before she was the minimum age of 14 and now admits that this was too early.

There will be pressure on Hingis, who lives in Switzerland, to start playing international senior tennis on her fourteenth birthday since she won the Swiss senior title this year.

Already the International Marketing Group (IMG) has her under a five-year contract for a reputed £170,000.

Tracy Austin, an American teenage prodigy, who twice won the US Open, has warned parents of the perils of putting their daughters on the world tennis stage too soon. "Young kids need sound advice as what to do as people, not as youngsters induced by big dollars. I could talk about the value of education, about how important it is to develop a balanced life not governed by tennis alone."

Austin was nine when she won the first of her 11 junior US titles. A succession of injuries effectively ended her career at 20.

Andrea Jaeger, another American, was a Wimbledon finalist in 1983 at the age of 18 and had already earned more than £1 million in prize-money. The following year, she left the circuit, saying that she did not want to play tennis any more. "I was tired and my body hurt too much to go on," Jaeger said.

Cathy Drury, Britain's national women's training co-ordinator, stresses the importance of a normal, balanced life for youngsters, with ample opportunity for education. "They should have friends outside tennis if possible. I like to see them develop as rounded people. In that way, I believe they will be better players and last longer," Drury said.

She said it was important to identify where any pressure was coming from. "It rarely comes from within a young player herself. Problems arise when people around a young player are hungry and greedy. The coach must give correct guidance to the parents, because he is a professional and knows the pitfalls and temptations."

Hingis rarely practises more than two hours a day, enjoys a wide variety of sport, including skiing and athletics, and excels at school, despite being unable to speak German when she arrived in Switzerland.

Yet, one wonders how long she can keep up a normal life, if the financial temptations of the professional circuit beckon in 1995.

If she tours the world, living between tennis courts, hotels and airports, will she be able to live the normal life of a teenager, or will she end up like Austin and Jaeger?

Novotna enters unknown

BY STUART JONES, TENNIS CORRESPONDENT

The women's singles finalists at Wimbledon have been considered virtually a certainty since first Monica Seles withdrew and then the seeding committee treated Martina Navratilova favourably. It was surely bound to be between her and Steffi Graf. Yet there could be a surprising last twist.

Navratilova's attempt to win her tenth title at the centenary of the women's tournament ("I was brought up with the metric system," she said) could today be left in ruins. Jana Novotna has the ability, but does she have the mental capacity to forget she is competing against a living legend she has never beaten?

Much of their semi-final will be played in the mind. Navratilova claims that she is technically better than ever, that her form is at a peak and that she is physically in fine shape. But none of it has yet been put to the test. In conceding only 16 games in the previous five rounds, she has been kept on court for less than 4½ hours.

Novotna can extend her and perhaps beyond breaking point, especially if she manoeuvres her 36-year-old opponent continually around the court. Yet, as Novotna prepares for her first semi-final at Wimbledon, she knows she is a stranger entering a place that is home for Navratilova. This will be the sixteenth time Navratilova has featured in the last four and, ultimately, her experience is likely to keep her in contention.

Conchita Martinez, playing in her first semi-final in any grand slam event, faces even more severe psychological problems; she has never beaten Graf, the top seed, on any surface.

Her only hope is to stay on court long enough for her opponent to be troubled by her foot injury. Even that might be excessively optimistic.

Steffi Graf (Ger) leads Conchita Martínez (Sp), 7-0

Year	Tournament	Surface	Winner	Score
1989	French Open	clay	Graf	6-0, 6-4
1990	French Open	clay	Graf	6-1, 6-3
1990	Leipzig	carpet	Graf	7-6, 7-6
1991	US Open	hard	Graf	6-1, 6-3
1992	VS Championships	carpet	Graf	6-0, 6-3
1992	VS Florida	hard	Graf	3-6, 6-2, 6-0
1992	VS Philadelphia	carpet	Graf	6-1, 6-1

Martina Navratilova (US) leads Jana Novotna (Cz Rep), 7-0

Year	Tournament	Surface	Winner	Score
1989	Australian Open	herd	Navratilova	6-2, 6-2
1990	Pilkington Glass	grass	Navratilova	7-6, 3-6, 6-3
1990	Nokia Masters	carpet	Navratilova	6-3, 7-5
1990	Nokia Masters	carpet	Navratilova	6-2, 6-1
1991	VS Championships	carpet	Navratilova	6-1, 6-4
1992	VS Chicago	carpet	Navratilova	7-6, 4-6, 7-5
1993	Paris	carpet	Navratilova	6-1, 6-2

BAF denies Robb double

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

CURTIS Robb, Britain's brightest hope at middle-distance running, will not be able to double up at 800 and 1,500 metres at the world athletics championships in Stuttgart after a ruling from the British Athletic Federation (BAF). The federation announced yesterday that no runner in the middle and long distance events will be able to compete in two individual events in Stuttgart.

Robb, from Liverpool, had earlier in the season expressed his interest in running both the two-lap event and the metric mile at the championships, will now have to concentrate solely on his main event, the 800 metres. "We don't have anyone of the class of Coe, Ovett and Elliott who might realistically have had the chance of success in two separate events," BAF spokesman, Tony Ward, said. "It was felt important that athletes should be asked to concentrate on just one."

In recent years, selectors have been dismayed by the performances of athletes who have qualified for two events but done themselves justice in neither. Eammon Martin's bid to tackle the 5,000 metres and 10,000 metres at the Seoul Olympics was a prime example. "Some athletes in the past have clearly bitten off more than they could chew," Ward said.

Paul Evans, of Belgrave Harriers, has qualified for both the marathon and 10,000 metres for Stuttgart but now is likely to run just the longer distance event.

Meanwhile, Peter Elliott has ruled himself out of contention for the championships. Elliott, 30, needs surgery on the injured ankle that has troubled him for two years and will miss the rest of the season.

Elliott, who won the silver medal in the 1,500 metres at the 1988 Olympics, but has not raced for a year, said: "In a way, being told I need an operation is the best news I could have had. If the operation is a success, it means I can get back to full training and racing again. I couldn't really carry on as I was. My training has been continually interrupted and I simply haven't been able to get in the kind of quality work you need to be a contender."

Elliott, who won a silver medal in the 800 metres at the 1987 world championships, has been troubled by injuries for the past ten years, withdrawing from the Olympic Games last year because of a hamstring injury.

Men's singles

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Runner-up £152,000

Holder: A Agassi (US)

Quarter-finals

P SAMPRAS bt A Agassi (US), 6-2, 6-2, 3-6, 3-6, 6-4.

J COURIER bt T Martin (US), 6-2, 7-6, 6-3.

S EDBERG (Swe) bt C Pioline (Fr), 7-5, 7-5, 6-3.

Men's doubles

Holders: J McEnroe (US) and M Stich (Ger)

Late results from Tuesday

Quarter-finals

G CONNELL (Can) and P GALBRAITH (US) bt P McENROE and J STARK (US), 4-6, 6-3, 6-7, 7-6, 6-4.

R Bergh (Swe) and B Talbot (SA) bt P T Hand and C Wilkinson (GB), 6-4, 6-7, 4-6, 6-3, 6-4.

Women's doubles

Holders: G Fernandez (US) and N Zvereva (Belarus)

Late results from Tuesday

Quarter-finals

L NEILAND (Lat) and J NOVOTNA (Cz Rep) bt J A Faull (Aus) and J A Richardson (NZ), 7-6, 4-6, 6-3.

G FERNANDEZ (US) and N ZVEREVA (Belo) bt J M HETHERINGTON (Can) and K S RINALDI (US), 6-1, 6-2.

P H SHRIVER (US) and P D SMYLIE (Aus) bt A SANCHEZ VICARIO (Sp) and H SUKOVA (Cz Rep), 6-3, 6-4.

Mixed doubles

Holders: C Suk (Cz) and Mrs L Savchenko-Neiland (Lat)

Late results from Tuesday

Second round

J B FITZGERALD and Mrs P D SMYLIE (Aus) bt J L De Jager (SA) and Miss C M Vis (Holl), 6-3, 6-4.

R LEACH (US) and Mrs Z L GARRISON-JACKSON (US) bt M R J Petchey (GB) and Miss C J Wood (GB), 6-3, 6-4.

M J Bates and Miss J M Durie (GB) bt P Albano and Miss P Tarabini (Arg), 6-3, 6-2.

Yesterday

Second round

M KRATZMANN (Aus) and Miss N ZVEREVA (Belarus) bt C J Van Rensburg and Miss E Reinach (SA), 4-6, 7-5, 6-3.

Third round

T A WOODBRIDGE (Aus) and Miss A SANCHEZ VICARIo (Sp) bt R A Reneberg and Miss B Nagelsen (US), 6-2, 6-3.

M WOODFORDE (Aus) and Miss M NAVRATILOVA (US) bt L B JENSEN and Miss M J McGRATH (US), 6-4, 6-2; P GALBRAITH and Miss K S RINALDI (US) bt S KRUGER and Miss A J COETZER (SA), 7-5, 6-1.

M J Bates and Miss J M Durie (GB) bt J B FITZGERALD and Mrs P D SMYLIE (Aus), 6-2, 6-7, 6-3.

G CONNELL (Can) and Miss R M WHITE (US) bt C SUK (Cz Rep) and Mrs L NEILAND (Lat), 7-6, 2-6, 6-2.

J Apell and Miss M Strandlund (Swe) bt S Stolle and Miss R P Stubbs (Aus), 3-6, 6-3, 6-4.

Boy's singles

Late results from Tuesday

First round

J J Esqueda (Mex) bt P Zennoni (Br), 4-6, 7-5, 6-3.

Second round

L Rehmann (Ger) bt J J Esqueda (Mex), 6-3, 6-4. L Burgsmuller (Ger) bt J J Jackson (US), 7-6, 6-1; S Iwabuchi (Japan) bt R Witz (Austria), 3-6, 6-3, 6-4; R Sabau (Rom) bt G Carraz (Fr), 6-0, 6-1.

Yesterday

Third round

R Sabau (Rom) bt J Delgado (GB), 6-2, 7-5; L Burgsmuller (Ger) bt S Iwabuchi (Japan), 6-2, 6-3; N Escuda (Fr) bt G Kuerten (Bra), 6-0, 7-6; J Novak (Cz Rep) bt C N'goran (Ivory Coast), 6-1, 6-2; A Strambini (Switz) bt P G Martin (GB), 6-2, 3-6, 6-4; J Appel (US) bt R Wassen (Holl), 2-6, 6-4, 6-4; J Szymanski (Ven) bt J Greenhalgh (NZ), 7-6, 7-6; B Ellwood (Aus) bt L Rehmann (Ger), 6-4, 6-4.

Girl's singles

Late results from Tuesday

Second round

L Richterova (Slovakia) bt G Netikova (Cz Rep), 6-2, 6-2; D Randriantefy (Madagascar) bt M Koutstaal (Holl), 3-6, 6-2, 6-3; N Louarsabishvily (Geo) bt C Taylor (GB), 6-4, 7-6.

Yesterday

Third round

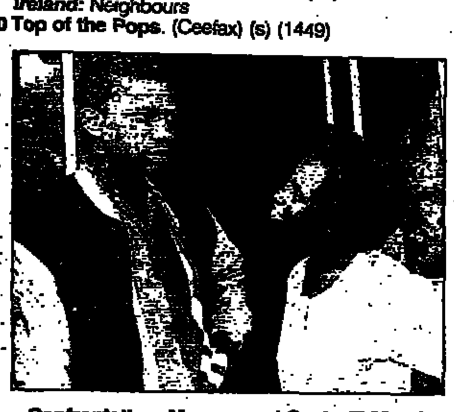
N Feber (Bel) bt N Vaidyanathan (Indo), 6-1, 6-2; M Hingis (Switz) bt T T Wang (Taiwan), 7-5, 8-3; S H Park (S Kor) bt J Lee (US), 6-3, 6-2; R Grande (It) bt Y Yoshida (Japan), 6-4, 6-1; L Richterova (Slovak) bt M Diaz Oliva (Arg), 6-4, 7-6; H Rusch (Ger) bt D Randriantefy (Madagascar), 6-2, 6-3.

L Courtois (Bel) bt A Pastor (Fr), 6-1, 7-5; N Louarsabishvily (Geo) bt F M La'o (Phil), 6-3, 6-2, G E Reid (Aus) bt H Gourlay (Aus), 6-0, 6-3.

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BBC1

6.00 Business Breakfast (77212)
7.00 Breakfast News (16999178)
9.05 Morning Surgery. This morning's topics include strokes and how to help a sick child cope with a stay in hospital (s) (1862401) **9.20 Hot Chefs**. Culinary delights prepared by Clive Fretwell and Michael Wormersley (s) (5131642) ***9.45 Whatever Happened To . . ?*** Richard Whitmore investigates stories that were once headline news (s) (9533648)
10.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (3209772) **10.05 Playdays** *(r)* (s) (4546130) **10.30 Bump** (r) (7313468) **10.35 Cartoons**. *Stage Fright* and *Whacky Wildlife* (r) (9850623) **10.50 News** (Ceefax), regional news and weather (7796178)
10.55 Cricket. Live coverage of the opening session of *the first day's play* in the third Test between England and Australia at Trent Bridge (s) (34230401) **12.55 Regional News** and weather (36568807)
1.00 One O'Clock News with John Tusa. (Ceefax) Weather (76371) ***1.30* Neighbours**. (Ceefax) (s) (72497352)
1.50 Wimbledon 93. Live coverage of the women's singles semi-finals (s) (85537265)
4.10 The All New Popeye Show. *Three cartoons (r)* (3571130) **4.30 Uncle Jack and the Loch Noch Monster**. Episode four of the six-part children's environmental drama (r). (Ceefax) (s) (30)
5.00 Newsround (4206265) **5.05 Record Breakers**. *Includes* the Royal Marines abseiling down Toronto's CN Tower and the world's biggest exercise session in which 13,000 aerobics enthusiasts took part (r). (Ceefax) (s) (2404913)
5.35 Neighbours (r). (Ceefax) (s) (826623). ***Northern Ireland:*** Inside Ulster
6.00 Six O'Clock News with Anna Ford and Andrew Harvey. (Ceefax) Weather (23)
6.30 Regional News Magazines (75). ***Northern Ireland:*** *Neighbours*
7.00 Top of the Pops. (Ceefax) (s) (1449)



Confrontation: Monero and Gayle (7.30pm)

7.30 EastEnders. Hattie (Michelle Gayle) *is happy to* have her brother Clyde (Steven Woodcock) around when Steve (Mark Monero) shows his true colours. (Ceefax) (s) (59)
8.00 Keeping Up Appearances. Hyacinth's plans for Richard's early retirement are put in abeyance when Rose begins to act irresponsibly at the time the vicar is due to arrive (r). (Ceefax) (s) (7587). **Wales:** Every Silver Lining
8.30 Every Silver Lining. *Benign comedy starring* Andrew Sachs and Frances de la Tour as a couple running a café in the east end of London (Ceefax) (s) (9604). **Wales:** Time of My Life
9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Michael Buerk (Ceefax). Regional news and weather (4130)
9.30 Sylvania Waters. Fly-on-the-wall series following the fortunes of an eccentric household living in an affluent Sydney suburb. (Ceefax) (s) (70536)
10.00 Today at Wimbledon. *Highlights* presented by Harry Carpenter and Sue Barker (s) (2401)
11.00 Spenser For Hire. American private eye drama series starring Robert Urich (s) (795994)
11.50 Cricket: Third Test. *Richie Benaud introduces* highlights of the first day's play (s) (940642)
12.30am Weather (5302799). Ends at **12.35**
2.15-2.45 BBC Select: Executive Business Club. Scrambled (13111)

BBC2

6.45 Open University: Physics — Vibrations of Music (7964159) *7.10 Technology — Rook Polynomials* (6843371) **7.35** Technology — New Hips for Old (3802565)
8.00 Breakfast News (2729443)
8.15 Westminster (1071159)
9.00 Yesterday at Wimbledon (r) (s) (60371)
10.00 Film: The Delicate Delinquent (1957, b/w) starring Jerry Lewis, in his first solo role after splitting with Dean Martin, and Martha Hyer. A sentimental comedy about a delinquent who sees the error of his ways and decides to join the police force. Directed by Don McGuire (54779994)
11.45 Noddy (r) (s) (8920826) **11.55 Funnybones** (r) (s) *(7977159)*
12.00 Wimbledon 93. Desmond Lynam introduces live coverage of the women's singles semi-finals. The commentating team is John Barrett, Virginia Wade and Ann Jones (s) (191913)
1.35 Cricket. Live coverage of the second session of the first day's play in the third Test between England and Australia from Trent Bridge. The commentators are Richie Benaud, Geoff Boycott, Ray Illingworth *and* Jack Bannister (s) (1078159). Includes **News** (Ceefax) and weather at **2.00**
3.00 News (Ceefax) and weather (3483130) followed by **Westminster Live**. Iain Macwhirter introduces coverage of *prime* minister's questions (2483642) **3.50 News** (Ceefax), regional news and weather (9276062)
4.00 Wimbledon and Cricket. Further coverage from London SW19 and Trent Bridge (s). 4.00-6.00 *(1826) 6.00-8.30* (558772)
8.30 The Travel Show presented by Penny Junor. Includes Paddy Haycocks reporting from Mexico and Bill Oddie bird-watching in the Shetlands (7246)
9.00 A Bit of Fry and Laurie. A repeat of the comedy sketches series written by and starring Hugh Laurie and Stephen Fry. (Ceefax) (s) (2772)



Selling illusions: medicine man Afsar (9.30pm)

9.30 Under the Sun: Diamonds in the Vegetable Market. (Ceefax) See Choice (524913)
10.20 10 x 10: Slugs and Snails. Susan Brand eavesdrops on three women in a beauty salon as they discuss men, masculinity and male hygiene (r) (685265)
10.30 Newsnight with Sue Cameron (526791)
11.15 The Late Show: The War Over Warhol. A repeat *of the Late Show Special about the row over the* distribution of Andy Warhol's multi-million estate (s) (693197) **11.55 Weather** (316826)
12.00 Jumpcuts. Howard Stableford previews the weekend's Open University programmes (2277395)
12.05am Children of the Dream. A report on the Head Start Project, America's attempt to eradicate poverty through education (7875109). Ends at **12.35**

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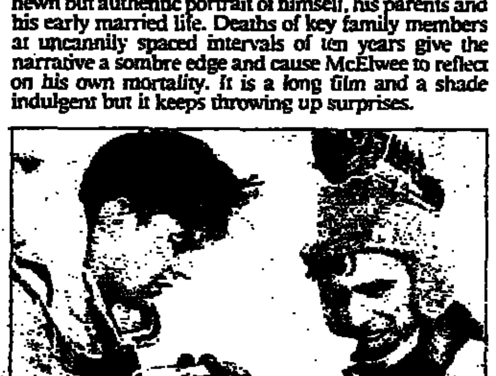
CHOICE

Under the Sun: Diamonds in the Vegetable Market
BBC2, 9.30pm

The anthropology series visits India to look at the peddlers and magicians who entertain travellers on long-distance bus journeys. There is a chap called Afsar who cheerfully sells home-made medicines to others but admits that they do not work on him. Shakeel is another medicine man, a bearded Muslim whose sales patter reflects an abortive career as an actor. *But the film lingers most on Hashmat. He does* conjuring tricks and claims to entertain 1,000 people a day. But behind the chirpy patter is the sad story of a penniless alcoholic whose drinking has alienated him from his family and condemned him to a solitary life. But all three characters have been scarred by frustrated ambition and survive by selling illusions.

True Stories: Time Indefinite
Channel 4, 9.35pm

Ross McElwee is a documentary film-maker with a compulsion to have his camera permanently on the go. The joke is that it fails him at crucial moments. At a family party to announce his engagement to Marilyn, another film-maker, the battery dies. McElwee caught the bug from an uncle, who piled up a rich stock of home movies. Blending contemporary footage with *moments from the past. McElwee presents a rough*-hewn but authentic portrait of himself, his parents and his early married life. Deaths of key family members at uncannily spaced intervals of ten years give the narrative a sombre edge and cause McElwee to reflect *on his own mortality. It is a long film and a shade* indulgent but it keeps throwing up surprises.



Cliff-hanger: Feteris and Singleman (ITV, 7.30pm)

Voyager: The Most Dangerous Jump in the World
ITV, 7.30pm

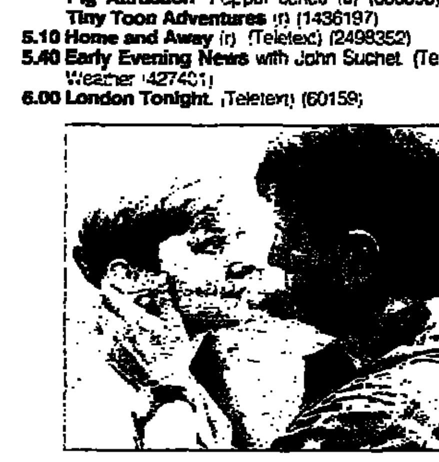
Most of us would probably sooner die than have to jump off buildings and bridges, but Nic Feteris does it for fun. After ten years of these hair-raising plunges he is looking for a fresh challenge. With a fellow Australian Glenn Singleman, who has never done this sort of thing before, he decides to climb the tallest cliff in the world and then launch himself off it. The Trango Tower Cliff in Pakistan is 6,000 feet high and looks awesome. The story of the months of preparation, the *three-week climb to the summit and the final moment* of truth makes nail-biting television, a tribute not only to the derring-do of Feteris and Singleman but the camera team which brilliantly captures their fear and exhilaration.

Moments of Crisis
Channel 4, 8.00pm

In 1970 Coral Atkins was a popular actress starring in a television drama, *A Family at War*. Then a chance encounter with Nicola, a distressed three-year-old cowering under a table, changed her life. Outraged at the apparent neglect of this screaming, terrified little girl *who had been abandoned to a home, Atkins* decided to devote herself to the care of disturbed children. The story is not exactly new but in re-telling it to a sympathetically inquisitive Mavis Nicholson, Atkins is able to give it the perspective of distance and relate it to her own childhood trauma as a war time evacuee. The picture is amplified by the now grown up Nicola, though of the events of 23 years ago she admits to remembering nothing. **Peter Waymark**

ITV LONDON

6.00 GMTV (5452517)
9.25 Talkabout. Lighthearted game show hosted by Andrew O'Connor (5116333) **9.55 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (4562176)
10.00 Out of this World (r) (s) (24420)
10.30 This Morning Weekday magazine (91546333)
12.10 The Riddlers. For the very young (r) (2310791)
12.30 ITN Lunchtime News with Nicholas Owen and Carol Barnes (Teletext) Weather (7617468) **1.05 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (17416081)
1.15 Home and Away Australian family drama series (Teletext) (296052) **1.45 A Country Practice**. Medical drama (s) (295333)
2.15 House Style. Home improvement series presented by Dilly Barlow and Alistair Macdonald (210642)
2.45 Take the High Road. Highland drama (4535230)
3.10 ITN News headlines (3401536) **3.15 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (3400807) **3.20 The Young Doctors** *Drama series set in an Australian city hospital* (2910333)
3.50 The Wisdom of the Gnomes (5790178) **4.15 The Pig Attraction** Puppet series (s) (830555) **4.45 Tiny Toon Adventures** (r) (1436197)
5.10 Home and Away (r) (Teletext) (2498352)
5.40 Early Evening News with John Suchet (Teletext) Weather (427401)
6.00 London Tonight. (Teletext) (60159)



Height of passion: Ellwood and Hines (7.00pm)

7.00 Emmerdale. Passions run high between Joe (Frazer Hines) and Lynn (Fionnuala Ellwood) (Teletext) (6517)
7.30 *Voyager: The Most Dangerous Jump in the* World (s) See Choice (5)
8.00 The Bill: Somebody to Love. DS Greig and WPC Ackland investigate a break-in that may be connected with a lonely hearts column, while WPC Datta tries to help a battered woman leave her husband but discovers it was another man who beat her up (5265)
8.30 Up the Garden Path. Amiable comedy starring *Imelda Staunton as a schoolteacher on a seemingly* fruitless search for true love. Last in the series. (Teletext) (s) (4772)
9.00 Soldier, Soldier The first of a re-run of the second series of Lucy Gannon's watchable army drama. Tonight, a training exercise in Snowdonia turns into a real-life emergency (Teletext) (s) (7710)
10.00 News at Ten with Trevor McDonald. (Teletext) Weather (35975) **10.30 London Tonight** (Teletext) *and weather* (375159)
10.40 Big City. A guide to the capital's entertainments scene (s) (805710)
11.15 Film: The Murder That Wouldn't Die (1980) starring William Conrad as a retired policeman, now a university security chief, investigating the death of his policeman brother in a suspicious car accident. Directed by Ronald Satlof (613197)
1.05am The Twilight Zone: Dead Woman's Shoes. *Helen Mirren stars in a supernatural tale* (1702735)
1.35 Hollywood Report (s) (2443260)
2.00 Donahue. The guest is a man with six wives and ten fiancées (22173)
3.00 Quiz Night. Pub and club competition (72395)
3.30 America's Top Ten (r) (s) (90840)
4.00 Entertainment UK (r) (s) (21753)
5.00 Riviera. French drama serial (44024)
5.30 ITN Morning News with Tim Neilson (66685)

CHANNEL 4

6.15 I Love Lucy (b/w) Vintage American comedy series starring Lucille Ball (82623)
6.45 Ovide Animation (9151791)
7.00 The Big Breakfast (66994)
9.00 You Bet Your Life. American game show hosted by *Bill Cosby (s)* (45352)
9.30 Film: Dangerous Venture (1947, b/w) Hopalong Cassidy helps an archaeological dig from harassment by bandits disguised as Indians. Starring William Boyd directed by George Archainbaud (4328371)
10.40 The Road To Avonlea Family drama series about a young city girl living with her relations in rural Canada (r) (a) (3394371)
11.40 Joe Brown at Clapham (b/w) Singer Joe Brown with the story of trains, from the Museum of British Transport in Clapham (r) (3354178)
12.00 The Parliament Programme Anne Perkins with a *digest of yesterday's business in both Houses* (32888)
12.30 Sesame Street Entertaining early learning series. The guest is actress Kathleen Turner (r) (95536)
1.30 Take 5 Cartoons (75081)
2.00 Film: I'll Be Seeing You (1944, b/w) starring Joseph Cotten, Ginger Rogers and Shirley Temple. *An emotional drama about a shell-shocked soldier on leave from hospital who falls for a woman he later discovers, from her cousin, is on parole from prison.* Directed by William Dieterle (112401)
3.30 California Off-Beat A documentary in which Wayne Freedman explores how some of the denizens of the United States west coast let off steam (r) (49)
4.00 The Angler and the Trout. A *Survival* documentary in which James Robertson Justice does battle with the large trout on Hampshire's River Test (r) (Teletext) (4)
4.30 Fifteen To One Fast moving general knowledge quiz. (Teletext) (s) (8)
5.00 The Oprah Winfrey Show The guests are couples who eloped (Teletext) (s) (2537449)
5.50 The Magic Roundabout Children's animation, narrated by Nigel Planer (942401)
6.00 Desmond's. Comedy series set in a Peckham, south London, barber's shop (r) (Teletext) (s) (33)
6.30 A Different World American campus comedy (s) (3)
7.00 Channel 4 News with Jon Snow and Shahnaz Pakravan (Teletext) Weather (336333)
7.50 Comment. Faith Kent, from the cast of *Eldorado*, *claims Britain's quarantine laws are antiquated* (481420)
8.00 Moments of Crisis (Teletext) See Choice (3807)
8.30 The Crystal Maze Six more intrepid contestants in trials of skill, strength and intellect (r) (s) (4215449)



A life on film: Ross McElwee, right (9.35pm)

9.35 True Stories: Time Indefinite. See Choice (315064)
11.35 First Frame: *Queen of the Fruit*. *American singer* Lene Lovich stars in this mini opera about a fruiterer's wife having an affair with a taxidermist and ending up as the prize in an unusual duel between the two men (808197)
12.00 First Frame: The Tragical Comedy of Mr Punch. The traditional story told with puppets (8441043)
12.15am Acoustic. A profile of singer/songwriter Joan Armatrading (r) (s) (1458647). Ends at **1.20**

VARIATIONS

ANGLIA
As London except: 5.10-5.40 Blockbusters (296652) **6.00** Home and Away (214130) **6.25-7.00** Anglia News (211265) **10.40** Mudda and Go Nowhere Railway (859420) **11.10** Wideangle (750826) **11.40** Prisoner: Cell Block H (278554) **12.35** Wrestling (8876024) **1.15** America's Top Ten (24227) **1.45** Film: St Martin's Lane (169043) **3.20** Stage 2 (8916869) **4.30** Riviera (73024) **5.00-5.30** Jobfinder (44024)

BORDER
As London except: 2.45-3.10 Magic Wok (4535230) **3.20-3.50** GP (2910333) **5.00** Lookaround (91) **6.30-7.00** Blockbusters (1) **10.40** Talking Pictures (859420) **11.10** Prisoner: Cell Block H (700826) **12.05** IndyCar 93 (7770555) **12.35** Wrestling (8876024) **1.15** America's Top Ten (24227) **1.45** Film: St Martin's Lane (169043) **3.20** Stage 2 (8916869) **4.30** Riviera (73024) **5.00-5.30** Jobfinder (44024)

CENTRAL
As London except: 1.15 A Country Practice (296062) **1.45-2.15** Home and Away (295333) **3.20-3.50** Shortland Street (2910333) **5.10-5.40** Gardening Time (2496352) **6.00** Home and Away (214130) **6.25-7.00** Central News (239449) **11.10** Married...with Children (750826) **11.40** Sledge Hammer (530284) **12.10** Hollywood Report (8120096) **12.40** The Little Picture Show (3215685) **1.40** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (8883024) **2.10** America's Top Ten (8411956) **2.40** Raw Power (4190260) **3.40** Quiz Night (53088227) **4.10** Jobfinder

GRANADA
As London except: 1.15 A Country Practice (296062) **1.45-2.15** Home and Away (295333) **3.20-3.50** Blockbusters (2910333) **5.10-5.40** The Munsters Today (2496352) **6.00** Home and Away (91) **6.25** Granada Tonight (195791) **6.50-7.00** Wyatt on Wheels (234505) **10.40** Families (649061) **11.35** Prisoner: Cell Block H (788739) **12.35** Wrestling (8876024) **1.15** America's Top Ten (24227) **1.45** Film: St Martin's Lane (169043)

HTV WEST
As London except: 1.45-2.15 Blockbusters (295333) **6.00** HTV News (91) **6.30-7.00** The Good Neighbour Show (1) **10.40** The West This Week (519401) **11.25** HTV Weekend Outlook (839994) **11.40** Prisoner: Cell Block H (278554) **12.35** Wrestling (8876024) **1.15** America's Top Ten (24227) **1.45** Film: St Martin's Lane (169043) **3.20** Stage 2 (2316937) **4.30-5.00** Riviera (73024)

HTV WALES
As HTV West except: 6.00 Wales at Six **6.30-7.00** The Really Helpful Programme **10.40** Wales and Westminster **11.10** Weekend Ahead! **11.25-11.40** Out of Limits

MERIDIAN
As London except: 6.00 Meridian Tonight (91) **6.30-7.00** Grass Roots (1) **10.40** The Pier (805710) **11.20** Prisoner: Cell Block H (799710) **12.15** The Trials of Rosie O'Neill (916111) **1.15-1.35** Nite Bites (1210289) **5.00-5.30** Freescreen (44024)

TYNE TEES
As London except: 5.55 Tyne Tees Today (131420) **6.30-7.00** Blockbusters (1) **10.40** East Coast Mainline (519401) **11.25** Prisoner: Cell Block H (798081) **12.20** Film: An Eye for an Eye (360024) **2.15** America's Top Ten (15579) **2.45** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (97050) **3.15** Film: Escapement (8298802) **4.40-5.30** Jobfinder (6535181)

ULSTER
As London except: 3.20-3.50 Blockbusters (2910333) **6.00-7.00** UTV Live at Six (60159) **10.40** Beyond Belief (859420) **11.10** Go Fishing (750826) **11.40** The Equalizer (278554) **12.35** Wrestling (8876024) **1.15** America's Top Ten (24227) **1.45** Film: St Martin's Lane (169043) **3.20** Stage 2 (8916869) **4.30** Riviera (73024) **5.00-5.30** Jobfinder (44024)

WESTCOUNTRY
As London except: 1.45-2.15 Blockbusters (295333) **3.20-3.50** A Country Practice (2910333) **6.00-7.00** Westcountry Live (60159) **10.40** Ambulance! (859420) **11.10** Prisoner: Cell Block H (700826) **12.10** The Twilight Zone (1648918) **12.35** Wrestling (8876024) **1.15** America's Top Ten (24227) **1.45** Film: St Martin's Lane (169043) **3.20** Stage 2 (8816869) **4.30** Riviera (73024) **5.00-5.30** Jobfinder (44024)

YORKSHIRE
As London except: 5.55 Calendar (131420) **6.30-7.00** Blockbusters (1) **10.40** Edit V (519401) **11.25** Prisoner: Cell Block H (798081) **12.20** Film: An Eye for an Eye (360024) **2.15** America's Top Ten (15579) **2.45** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (97050) **3.15** Film: Escapement (8298802) **4.40-5.30** Jobfinder (6535181)

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Starts: 7.00 The Big Breakfast (66994) **9.00** You Bet Your Life (45352) **9.30** Film: False Paradise (7716062) **10.35** Footur (6302975) **10.35** Road To Avonlea (3381807) **11.30** Get It Together (8333) **12.00** The Parliament Programme (32888) **12.30** Slot Meithrin (76710) **1.00** Sesame Street (71265) **2.00** Film: Devotion (458710) **3.55** The Magic Roundabout (9069975) **4.00** The Christens (1264) **5.00** Fifteen To One (7623) **5.30** The Next Big Thing (20) **6.00** Newyddion (690536) **6.10** Heno (507449) **7.00** Pobol Y Cwm (4159) **7.30** Margaret (681888) **8.55** Mirsafon (750449) **9.40** The Long Summer (563284) **10.10** Film: Face Value (968159) **11.55** Moments of Crisis (527710) **12.25** Surgical Spirit (2920258) **12.55** Close

SATELLITE

SKY ONE
6.00am The DJ Kat Show (16450913) **8.40** Lamb Chops Play-a-Long (3245159) **9.10** Cartoons (8217081) **9.30** The Pyramid Game (12536) **10.00** Card Sharks (5076888) **10.25** Concentration (8474604) **10.50** Dynamo Duck (2799807) **11.00** The Bold and the Beautiful (33212) **11.30** Falcon Crest (85536) **12.30pm** E Street (16352) **1.00** Another World (4911159) **1.45** Three's Company (840807) **2.15** Sally Jessy Raphael (511178) **3.15** Different Strokes (821772) **3.45** The DJ Kat Show (5457623) **5.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (8130) **6.00** Games World (9352) **6.30** E Street (6684) **7.00** Rescue (6159) **7.30** Full House (6888) **8.00** Eddie Dodd (54536) **9.00** Chances (34772) **10.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (44159) **11.00-12.00** The Streets of San Francisco (86772)

SKY NEWS
News on the hour
6.00am Sunrise (63523) **6.30** News and Business Report (502888) **9.30** ABC Nightline (74130) **10.30** Beyond 2000 (63536) **11.30** International Business Report (83178) **12.30pm** News and Business Report (67352) **1.30** Good Morning America (68081) **2.30** Parliament Live (1053053) **3.15** Parliament Live (2243284) **4.30** News and Business Report (6401) **5.00** Live at Five (112994) **7.30** *Financial Times Reports* (7130) **9.30** Talkback (29739) **11.30** ABC News (50130) **12.30am** *Financial Times* Reports (61109) **1.30** ABC News (40314) **2.30** Beyond 2000 (87734) **3.30** ABC News (99579) **4.30** *Financial Times* Reports (68208) **5.30-6.00** ABC News (80289)

SKY MOVIES PLUS
6.00am Showcase (2301352)
10.00 Shipwrecked (1991): Stian Smestad embarks on a perilous sea voyage (27468)
12.00 Back Home (1989) Evacuee Hayley Mills returns to England (66284)
2.00pm Darling Lili (1970). Romantic comedy with Rock Hudson and Julie Andrews (68739)
4.00 The Secret of Santa Vittoria (1969) An Italian village hides its wine from the Nazis. With Anthony Quinn (84164807)
6.20 Shipwrecked (as 10am) (77409130)
8.00 Backdraft (1991). Kurt Russell and William Baldwin as fire-fighters (36157445)
10.20 Robocop 2 (1990): Peter Weller returns as the cyborg policeman (638913)
12.20am Without Warning: The James Brady Story (1992): Beau Bridges plays the White House press secretary who was paralysed by an assassin's bullet (829734)
2.00 Naked Tango (1991): Erotic drama with Mathilda May and Vincent D'Onofrio (25111)
4.00 Bloodfist III — Forced to Fight (1991): Kick-boxing (88840). Ends at **5.30**

SKY MOVIES GOLD
6.00pm The Beast With Five Fingers (1946, b/w): Peter Lorre is menaced by the hand of a deceased pianist (38265)
8.00 A Private Function (1985): Alan Bennett's post-war comedy with Michael Palin and Maggie Smith (34710)
10.00 The Shining (1980) Jack Nicholson terrorises wife Shelley Duvall and son Danny Lloyd (706371). Ends at **11.40**

THE MOVIE CHANNEL
6.00am The Bedsitting Room (1969) Post-nuclear war black comedy (46913)
8.00 The Fire in the Stone (1985) Australian film about a stolen opal (61975)
10.00 The Wolf Man (1941, b/w). Lon Chaney Jr is bitten by Bela Lugosi (18710)
12.00 55 Days at Peking (1963) Charlton Heston and David Niven are embroiled in the Boxer rebellion in China (84826)
2.00pm Lucy and Desi: Before the Laughter (1990) Romantic drama about Lucille Ball and Desi Arnaz (59081)
4.00 The Fire in the Stone (as 8am) (1604)
6.00 Memphis (1991). Cybill Shepherd kidnaps the grandson of a black industrialist in 1950s Tennessee (46517)
8.00 Dead Solid Perfect (1988): Romantic comedy on the golf circuit With Randy Quaid and Kathryn Harrold (41062)
10.00 The Amityville Curse (1989). Fifth in the horror series (889178)
11.35 The Other Side of Love (1991): Single mother Cheryl Ladd is framed and unjustly imprisoned (903517)
1.15am The Pit and the Pendulum (1990). Adaptation of Edgar Allen Poe's classic horror story (178666)
2.55 Hitler's Daughter (1990). The Nazi dictator's offspring runs for American president With Melody Anderson (2077598)
4.25 Revealing Evidence (1990) A serial killer is on the loose in Hawaii (8582840) Ends at **5.55**

SKY SPORTS
6.30am Prime Bodies (99772) **7.00** The Footballers' Football Show (64826) **8.00** Watersports World (65555) **9.00** Prime Bodies (59178) **9.30** Motor World (79420) **10.00** Wimbledon News (5433772) **10.05** Rugby Union Super Ten Championship (92635371) **12.00** Ringside (62848) **2.00pm** Watersports World (14081) **3.00** Dubai Open Snooker (27826) **5.00** Kickboxing '93 (6230) **6.00** WWF All-American Wrestling (98555) **7.00** Horse Racing (31246) **9.00** Wimbledon News (744137) **9.05** US PGA Golf: Sprint Western Open (38732933) **11.00** Rugby Union Super Ten Championship (28197) **1.00-3.00am** Dubai Open Snooker (98444)

EUROSPORT
7.30am Step Aerobics (58913) **8.00** Golf (50623) **9.00** Canoeing (12975) **10.30** Eurofun (33130) **11.00** Mediterranean Games (34333) **12.00** Football: America Cup (28284) **2.00pm** DTM German Touring Cars (2739) **2.30** Basketball (95517) **4.00** Mountain Biking (63710) **5.00** Surfing (6791) **5.30** Eurosport News (3536) **6.00** Basketball (49826) **7.30** Fencing (76739) **9.00** Football: America Cup (84791) **11.00** Basketball (55826) **12.00-12.30am** News (25376)

UK GOLD
7.00am The Raccoons (8700371) **7.30** Neighbours (8796178) **8.00** Sons and Daughters (2611081) **8.30** EastEnders (2610352) **9.00** The Bill (2601604) **9.30** The Onedin Line (7024420) **10.30** Juliet Bravo (4335352) **11.30** Happy Ever After (3842352) **12.00** Sons and Daughters (2621468) **12.30pm** Neighbours (9485178) **1.00** EastEnders (8709642) **1.30** The Bill (9484449) **2.00** 'Allo 'Allo! (2783517) **2.30** Three Up, Two Down (5658975) **3.00** Dallas (3853468) **4.00** Dynasty (3832975) **5.00** Blankety Blank (2707197) **5.30** Give Us a Clue (5652791) **6.00** Neighbours (5659604) **6.30** The Onedin Line (6992536) **7.30** 'Allo 'Allo! (5879468) **8.00** EastEnders (2796081) **8.30** Three Up, Two Down (2782888) **9.00** Juliet Bravo (8283541) **10.00** The Bill (2622197) **10.30** Carrott's Lib (3860352) **11.30** Dr Who (3861438) **12.00-1.50am** Film: Break of Dawn (1987) with Oscar Chavez (6047227)

THE CHILDREN'S CHANNEL
6.00am Jack in the Box (47994) **7.00** Ratkan II (96772) **9.00** Jack in the Box (88265) **11.00** Stories Without Words (94604) **11.30** Say Ahhh! (95333) **12.00** Interbang (32913) **1.00pm** Jack in the Box (18333) **2.00** Stories Without Words (4975) **2.30** Say Ahhh! (7915) **3.00** Baber (2601333) **3.25** Ratkan II (50375517) **5.00** Pugwall's Summer (8555) **5.30** Saved by the Bell (4081) **6.00-7.00** Fame (38197)

RADIO 3

6.35am Open University: Science Matters **6.55** Weather
7.00 On Air, with Stewart Collins, including Telemann (Overture Suite in B flat, Ouverture Burlesque: Collegium Musicum 90 under Simon Standage); Grainger (March, The Lads of Wamphray: Eastman Wind Ensemble under Donald Hunsberger); Haydn (Symphony No 93 in C minor: Chamber Orchestra of Europe under Claudio Abbado); Bridge (Vignettes de Marseille: Kathryn Stott, piano)
9.00 Composer of the Week: Bach in Leipzig. Fantasia in C minor, BWV 906; Tönet ihr Pauken! chorus from Cantata *No 214: for the birthday of* the Electress of Saxony, 1734; Triple Concerto in A minor, BWV 1044; Cantata No 202, Weichet nur, betrübte Schatten, *Wedding* Cantata
10.00 Morning Sequence: Walton (Suite, The Wise Virgins); Avison (Concerto Grosso No 9 after Scarlatti); Vaughan Williams (*Tuba Concerto*); Hummel (Octet-Partita in E flat); **11.00** Artist of the Week: Arturo Benedetti Michelangeli, piano, plays Rachmaninov (Piano Concerto No 4 in G minor); Gottschalk (Symphony No 1, A Night in the Tropics)
12.00 Hausmusik performs Schubert (Notturno in E flat, D897); Beethoven (Septet in E flat, Op 20) (r) **1.00pm News**
1.05 L'Estro Armonico: Concertos, sonatas and arias by Vivaldi
1.35 Test Match Special: England v Australia. Commentary on the first afternoon's play in the third Test at Trent Bridge. Including at **3.45-4.00** County *Talk with Simon Hughes*
6.10 Evening Sequence: A selection of music on disc
7.30 Spirit of the Earth: The Rustavi Choir performs songs, both sacred *and secular*, from the American state of Georgia
8.40 Quiet and Confusion: In the last of three talks on his adopted homeland of Japan, the poet *James Kirkup visits* Kyoto's shrines and temples
9.00 Lausanne Chamber Orchestra under Carl Davis performs Vivaldi (Concerto in E for violin, two horns, *two* oboes, bassoon, strings and continuo, RV569); *Strauss* (Serenade in E flat for 13 wind instruments, Op 7); Carl Davis (Concerto for clarinet, strings and timpani: Thomas Friedli, *clarinet*); *Stravinsky (Suite* Pulcinella)
10.15 Hawks Stalks: A series on the tenor saxophonist Coleman Hawkins (r)
***10.45* Night Waves**: Includes a review of Brian Friel's new play, *Wonderful Tennessee*, at the Abbey Theatre in Dublin; and Vanessa Redgrave in Mikhail Shatrov's *Maybe* at the Royal Exchange, Manchester
11.30 Elizabethan Songs: Emma Kirkby, soprano, Anthony Rooley, lute, perform Richard Edwards (Where grypinge griefs); Thomas Campion (Come let us sound); John Dowland (In this trembling shadow); John Danyel (Like as the lute delights); Dowland (I saw my ladye weepe); Francis Pilkington (Rest sweet Nimphs); Thomas Campion (When to her lute); Pilkington (Musick dear sollace); Thomas Morley (I saw my ladye weeping); Robert Jones (If in this flesh); Pilkington (Come all ye); John Bartlett (Sweete birdes deprive us never)
12.30-12.35am News
1.00-2.00 Night School (except in Scotland: as Radio 5 at 9am)

RADIO 4

***5.55am** Shipping Forecast* **6.00** News Briefing, incl **6.03** Weather **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day with Lyon Gallagher **6.30** Today, incl **6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30** News **6.55, 7.55** Weather **7.45** Thought for the Day **8.40** Yesterday in Parliament **8.58** Weather
9.00 News
9.05 Face the Facts, with John Waite (r)
9.30 Ad Lib: Robert Robinson talks to the nuns at a Carmelite monastery in North Wales (r)
10.00-10.30am The House (FM only): Third of a six-part political drama by Christopher Lee. With Julian Glover as Charles Bannister
10.00* News; *An Act of Worship (LW only)
10.15 The Bible (LW only): The Fourth Book of Moses — Numbers. Michael Hordern *reads the first of nine parts (r)*
10.30 Woman's Hour looks at shopping as a spiritual experience; and women who take over the family business. *Incl* **11.00 News**
11.30 From Our Own Correspondent
12.00 You and Yours, with Tasneem Siddiqi
12.25pm Out of Order: Patrick Hannan chairs the last programme of the series in which two teams *compete in a* light-hearted test of political knowledge **12.55** Weather
1.00 The World at One, with James Naughtie
1.40 The Archers (r) **1.55** Shipping
2.00 News; This Should Be My Wedding Day, by Elizabeth Ryan. Megan, an Oxford undergraduate, plans to marry Johnny when they leave university. Meanwhile, Johnny grows increasingly jealous of his fiancée's fascination with his father, who is a gardening personality on television. With *Kate Paul, Jonathan Firth and* Malcolm Hebden
3.00-4.00 Bus Stop (FM only): Jenni Mills and Andrew Jennings visit Bradford
3.00 News; Prime Minister's Questions (LW only)
4.00 News
4.05 Kaleidoscope reviews Brian Friel's new play, *Wonderful Tennessee*, at Dublin's Abbey Theatre; and *Oleanna* by David Mamet at the Royal Court Theatre
4.45 Short Story: The Enlargement *of Bethany, by Carmel Bird.* Read by Christian Rodska
5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast **5.55** Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News
***6.30* The Nick Revell Show**: *The* Promised Land
7.00 News
7.05 The Archers
7.20 Radio Lives: Louis MacNeice. See Choice
8.00 Analysis: Now What, Chancellor? Peter Jay chairs a discussion on steering the economy through the 1990s
8.45 Does He Take Sugar? Presented by Kati Whitaker. For listeners with disabilities
9.15 Kaleidoscope
9.45 The Financial World Tonight, with Nigel Cassidy **9.59** Weather
10.00 The World Tonight, with Robin Lustig
10.45 A Book at Bedtime: Jericho. Written and read by Dirk Bogarde (6/12)
11.00 Two Way Cut: Last of a four-part dramatisation by Stephen *Mulrine of Peter Turnbull's* novel. With Jake D'Arcy
11.30 Today in Parliament
12.00-12.43am News, incl **12.27** Weather **12.33** Shipping **12.43** *As World Service (LW only)*

CHOICE

No Surrender. *Radio 5, 9.30pm.*

James Watson's dramatisation of *his novel* about the civil war in Angola begins violently. Even the language is brutal: do not expect any euphemisms. Josette Bushell-Mingo plays the young Angolan, British-educated and something of an idealistic poet ("I stand back from the river of *blood/And I discover sweet words*") who is captured by mercenaries who speak no sweet words. John Taylor directs this four-part drama with uncompromising realism. It is radio's equivalent of being repeatedly bashed on the head with a crowbar.

Radio Lives: Louis MacNeice. *Radio 4, 7.20pm.*

MacNeice was the epitome of the poet who chooses not to be alienated from the busy other world around him. Hence his two decades as *writer*-producer for BBC radio's features department. It was his way of banishing what he called the "lonely poet blues". He bequeathed to posterity classic verse plays with questing heroes — among them *The Dark Tower* and *Christopher Columbus*. They were, says Humphrey Carpenter, presenting this careful tribute to MacNeice, "a productive distraction from his own intellectual quest". **Peter Davalle**

RADIO 1

FM Stereo and **MW. 4.00am** Bruno Brookes **(FM) 6.00** *Mark Goodier* **9.00** *Simon Bates* **12.30pm** Newsbeat **12.45** Jakki Brambles **3.00** Steve Wright **6.00** News '93 **6.30** Evening Session **8.30** Dance Energy **9.00** The Guest List **10.00** Nicky Campbell Goes Into the Night **12.00-4.00am** Bob Harris **(FM)**

RADIO 2

FM Stereo **5.00am** Sarah Kennedy **6.15** *Pause for Thought* **7.05** *Wake Up to Wogan* **9.15** Pause for Thought **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.30** Jimmy Young **2.00pm** Gloria Hunniford **3.30** Ed Stewart **5.05** John Dunn **7.00** Jimmy's Cricket Team **7.30** Wally Whyton **9.00** Paul Jones **9.45** Gloria Gaynor **10.30** The Jamesons **12.05am** Steve Madden with Night Ride **3.00-5.00** Alex Lester

RADIO 5

News and sport on the hour until **7.00pm. 6.00am** World Service Newshour **6.30** Danny Baker's Morning Edition **9.00** Schools: Let's Make a Story, **9.15** Together — An Assembly for Schools; **9.35** Listening and Reading 3, **9.45** The Song Tree: **10.00** In the News **10.25** Wiggly Park **10.30** Test Match Special: England v Australia. Third Test from Trent Bridge **1.00pm** Wimbledon '93 **7.15** Comical Tales. Chibbewokle Rain, by **Margaret** Mahy. Read by Stephanie Cole **7.30** Formula Five **8.00** Vibe! **9.30** No Surrender: See Choice **10.10** Eastern Beat **12.00-12.10am** News: Sport

WORLD SERVICE

All times in **BST. 4.30am** BBC English **4.45** News and Press Review in German **5.00** Morgenmagazin. Tips für Touristen **5.30** Londres Matin **6.00** News **6.30** Europe Today **7.00** News **7.10** News About Britain **7.15** The World Today **7.30** Sports International **8.00** Newsdesk **8.30** Network UK **9.00** News **9.10** Words of Faith **9.15** Good Books **9.30** John Peel **10.00** News **10.05** World Business Report **10.15** From Our Own Correspondent **10.30** The Farming World **10.45** Sports Roundup **11.00** News **11.01** Assignment **11.30** BBC English **11.45** Mittagsmagazin **11.59** Business Update **Noon** Newsdesk **12.30pm** Sherlock Holmes **1.00** News **1.10** Words of Faith **1.15** Multitrack 2 **1.45** Sport **2.00** News **2.05** Outlook **2.30** Off the Shelf: A Glowing Future **2.45** Sportsworld **4.00** News **4.15** BBC English **4.29** News in French **4.30** Heute Aktuell **5.00** News **5.10** News About Britain **5.15** BBC English **5.30** Londres Soir **6.00** News **6.05** World Business Report **6.15** The World Today **6.30** Heute Aktuell **7.05** German Features **8.00** News **8.05** Outlook **8.30** Europe Today **9.00** News **9.10** Words of Faith **9.15** The World Today **9.30** Meridian **10.00** News **11.10** News About Britain **11.15** Network UK **11.45** Sport **Midnight** News **12.05am** World Business Report **12.15** Music Review **1.00** Newsdesk **1.30** In Good Voice **2.00** News **2.05** Outlook **2.30** On the Move **2.45** Global Concerns **3.00** News **3.30** Sherlock Holmes **4.00** News **4.10** News About Britain **4.15** Sports Roundup

CLASSIC FM

6.00am Nick Bailey **9.00** Henry Kelly **12.00** Susannah Simons **2.00pm** Lunchtime Concerto: Handel (Concerto Grosso Op 3 No 3 Raillard Chamber Orchestra) **3.00** Petroc Trelawny **6.00** Classic Reports with Margaret Howard **7.00** The Classic Travel Guide **8.00** Evening Concert: Halle Orchestra under Carl *Davis performs Tchaikovsky (Ballet Suite, Swan Lake),* Barber (Adagio for Strings); Johann Strauss, son (Radetzky March) **10.00** Michael Mappin **1.00-6.00am** Robert Booth

VIRGIN 1215

6.00am Russ Williams **10.00** Richard Skinner **1.00pm** Mitch Johnson **4.00** Tommy Vance **7.00** Jonathan Coleman **10.00** Nick Abbot **2.00-6.00** Wendy Lloyd

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Wimbledon champion cannot sustain stirring fightback as he succumbs to his rival's cunning

Sampras ends Agassi's show

BY STUART JONES
TENNIS CORRESPONDENT

THE show is over for Andre Agassi. The defending Wimbledon champion had insisted that he would retain his title but, although he recovered with characteristic flamboyance from a two-set deficit yesterday he lost an oddly imbalanced quarter-final in just under three hours against Pete Sampras, the top seed, 6-2, 6-2, 3-6, 3-6, 6-4.

Sampras will meet Boris Becker, who won the heavyweight all-German confrontation with Michael Stich despite trailing after three sets. Becker, the three-times Wimbledon winner, broke early in the fifth set to win a match that lived up to its billing 7-5, 6-7, 6-7, 6-2, 6-4.

The second and third seeds moved through without problem. Stefan Edberg, who beat Cedric Pioline, 7-5, 7-5, 6-3, and Jim Courier, who disposed of Todd Martin, 6-2, 7-6, 6-3, will now play each other tomorrow.

Men's semi-finals

P Sampras (US) v B Becker (Ger)

J Courier (US) v S Edberg (Swe)

To be played tomorrow

For the opening two sets against Agassi on centre court, Sampras played like Arthur Ashe against Jimmy Connors in 1975. He took the speed out of the match, stroking rather than striking the ball and imparting spin to vary his gentle approach. Like Connors, Agassi was forced to generate his own pace and he found that every aspect of his game had fallen apart.

His first service was wayward, his timing was all awry, his feet were leaden and his movement was lethargic. For him, everything was an effort and invariably he expended his energy in vain. For Sampras, everything was effortless and, without extending himself, he broke his opponent four times within an hour.

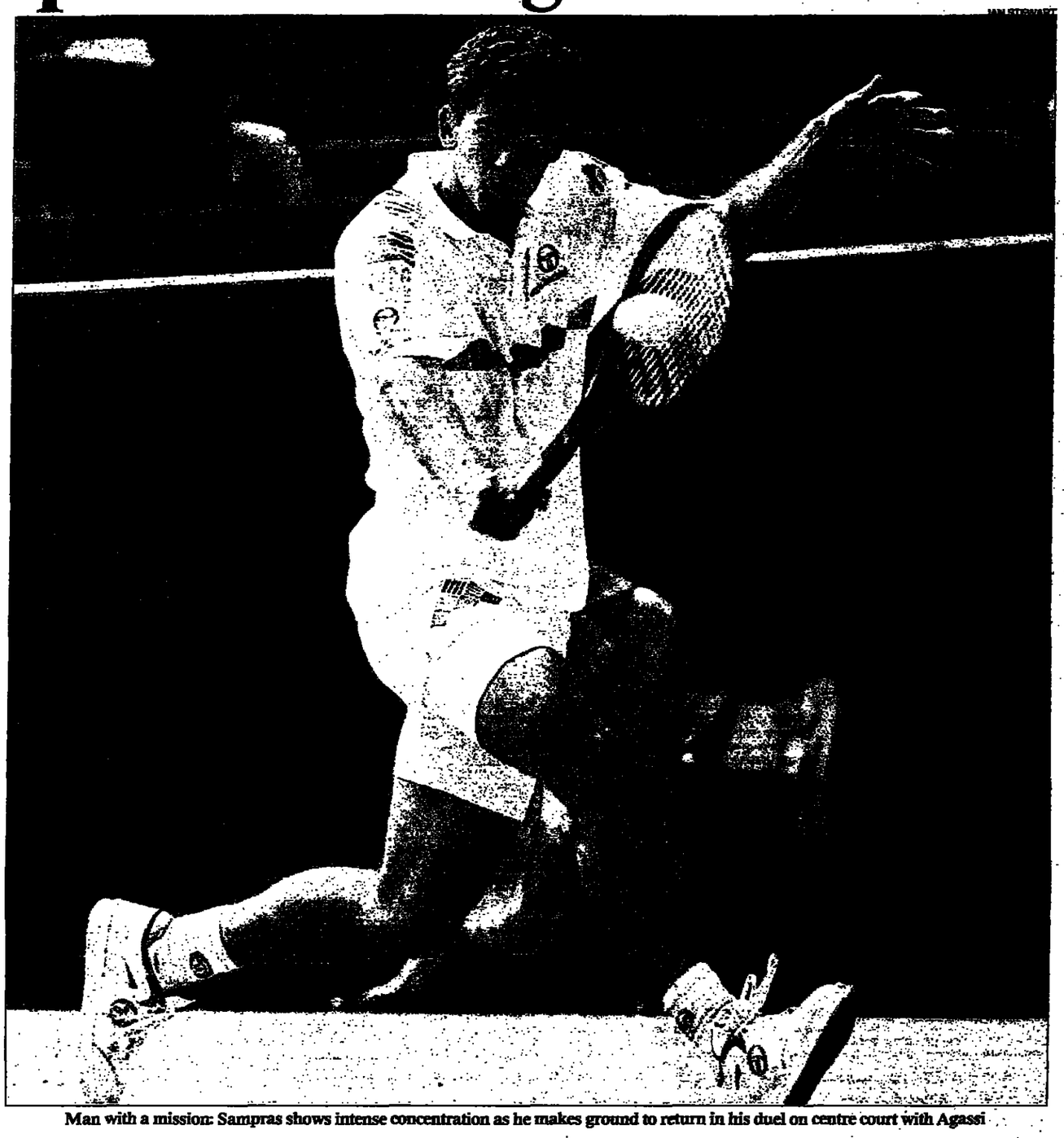
When he cleanly finished each of the two first sets with an ace with the minimum of fuss, he had eased himself into a position apparently as unassailable as in the United States Open three years ago. Then, in collecting his only grand slam title, he beat Agassi in the final for the loss of only nine games.

But no naturally instinctive showman from Las Vegas is prepared to leave any stage without making an impact. Agassi changed his shirt, his attitude and subsequently the match by breaking Sampras immediately in both the third and fourth sets. Now relaxed, he was ready to play the fool as well as the part of a champion. Left stranded by one delicate drop shot he hobbled back to the baseline with an imaginary walking stick. With careful timing, he contributed to a Mexican wave.

When Sampras started to exhibit signs of distress, grimacing and flexing his supposedly injured shoulder as he was broken at the conclusion of the fourth set, Agassi was not alone in sensing that he was heading towards his twelfth successive victory at Wimbledon. Unexpectedly, the prospect exposed frayed nerves; it showed in his new truncated service action. When he needed it to be at its most efficient, it broke down. Sampras took heart, and in spite of resembling a winged bird, flight. Once, in leaping sideways at the net, his momentum sent him clattering shoulder first into the umpire's chair.

No damage was done. A match which had veered first one way and then the other was completed with the aid of three successive aces, ridiculing the suggestion that his inflamed joint might have become so painful that he might have had to retire. He insists that his fitness is not in question.

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Man with a mission: Sampras shows intense concentration as he makes ground to return in his duel on centre court with Agassi

World No 1 shoulders burden well

BY DAVID MILLER

HE MISSED his chance. The opening was there for Andre Agassi, the defending champion, to dispose of Pete Sampras, the world's No 1 and top seed, who was nursing an injury that was more in his head than in his shoulder. Breaking back on Sampras's service for 2-2 in the fifth set, Agassi had just played perhaps the most remarkable shot of the tournament.

At the changeover at 2-1 — Agassi having double faulted and hit a drive two inches over the baseline to surrender his own service — Sampras had received treatment for his shoulder, his prospects apparently grimly threatened.

At 30-30, he had then played a powerful, high forehand volley — seemingly a winner — deep to Agassi's backhand. With astonishing reflex, Agassi returned the ball two-handed cross court. It was a moment before the crowd realised what had happened.

Sampras promptly double-faulted to concede the game, and leave the match poised. If the injury was real, he could have little chance; Agassi must surely win. If psychosomatic, then Agassi, having made an extraordinary recovery from two sets down and now as perky as a hare in spring, must likewise bury him.

Now came a point that tilted the match critically back the other way; the kind of instant reversal of fortune that is unique, because of the scoring system, to tennis. In an absorbing 20-stroke rally, each player teasing from the baseline, Sampras played a stunning lob. Agassi, audibly cursing his faulty service — "not even close" — dropped the game on another long rally.

From that moment, 3-2 ahead, Sampras had only to hold his service to reach the semi-final. Could the shoulder stand it? Nobody with any serious muscular rupture could continue punching the ball home as he now did, with three aces in the final, tenth game, not to mention flinging himself horizontally in the seventh when attempting to reach a backhand volley when wrong-footed.

That suspicion was confirmed afterwards when Sampras — more like some immature teenager than a former United States champion now nearly 22, and winner of almost $5 million in prize-money — conceded that the problem was primarily mental. He had been known to be receiving treatment before the tournament, yet his admission was still somewhat bizarre.

"The first couple of sets it felt pretty good," he said. "Then my serve got broken, and I started thinking about it. I started kind of sloping around, my head was hanging a little bit ... It was uncomfortable, but not torn, and was something I could play through ... So I got my serve broken early in the fourth, and told myself to suck it up, or it's the last set I'll play, then hung in there ... It was more mental than anything."

Such are the psychological border lines on which some of our champions live. The fact is that Agassi's game of service return and normal pin-point accuracy was so initially defective, and Sampras's tactics so astute — slow-balling his opponent on the other's service, especially on the backhand, giving him nothing to hit, like Ashe against Connors — that Agassi should have been back in the showers inside two hours.

No matter how much those who had queued for two days might scream for "On-drigh", he could do little right. At 23, his backside and pigeon-toed legs are carrying the weight of a veteran third division footballer. "Lovely, gaargh", he protested to himself as the second set slid away.

Yet being what we had never supposed him to be several years ago — a genuine sportsman who cares about his reputation — he doggedly held on, knocked the gremlins out of his game and the doubts into Sampras's head. When Agassi took the third set on service with more characteristically decisive rallies, suddenly there was a match.

"I have more reason to believe in myself [after two months off] than last year," Agassi reflected afterwards. What Sampras believes, we cannot be sure. From the neck down, he played the kind of tennis that may well make him the new champion.

England attack blunted by injury and hostility



Ilott: first appearance

BY ALAN LEE
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ENGLAND'S desperate search for a bowling attack to prolong the Ashes series lay in ruins last night as one half of the Kent new-ball pair pulled out of today's third Cornhill Test at Trent Bridge through injury and the other attracted the dangerous resentment of Australians on both sides of the world.

For the second time in the series, Alan Igglesden was declared unfit on the eve of a Test. This time, following a visit to a specialist yesterday, he admitted defeat to the back strain that first troubled him last weekend. Despite the constant attentions of Dave Roberts, the team physiotherapist, it became obvious that he could not be risked in a five-day game.

"Alan is distraught," Graham Gooch, the captain, said. "We have twice picked him as our front-line bowler, capable of swinging it either way, and to lose him this way on both occasions is a pretty bad blow."

Mark Ilott, the Essex left-arm seam bowler who was twelfth man for first two Tests, will definitely play and the final place in England's attack will be between two other uncapped bowlers, Martin Bicknell and Martin McCague.

Yesterday, McCague was the talking point at Trent Bridge, where all tickets for the first three days have been sold. Born in Northern Ireland, McCague migrated to Australia at the age of two and was brought up in the Australian cricket system, a fact which is causing irritation among visiting officials and one Australian newspaper described him as "the rat who joined the sinking ship".

Gooch, who is known to have been opposed to including McCague in last winter's tour parties, declined to be drawn. "The country's boards can argue it out," he said.

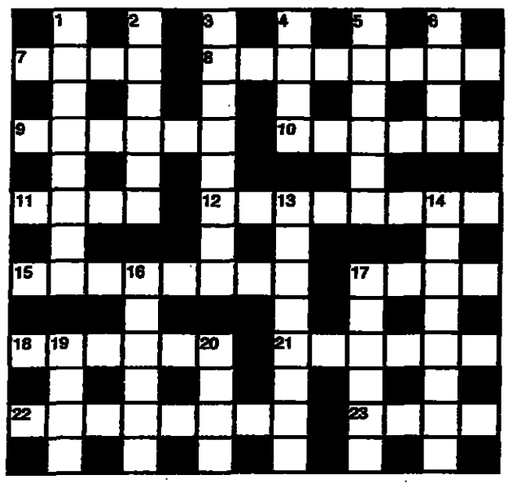
But Allan Border, Australia's captain, repeated his assertion that "so far as I am concerned, McCague is an Australian" and left no one in any doubt that he can expect a particularly hostile reception.

Sunday will be a rest day, to avoid a clash with the men's singles final at Wimbledon.

ENGLAND (from): G A Gooch (captain), M A Atherton, M W Lathwell, R A Smith, G P Thorpe, N Hussain, †A J Stewart, M P Bicknell, A R Caddick, M J McCague, P M Such, M C Ilott.
AUSTRALIA (from): A R Border (captain), M A Taylor, M J Slater, D C Boon, M E Waugh, S R Waugh, I A Healy, B P Julian, M G Hughes, S K Warne, T B A May, P R Reiffel. Umpires: B J Meyer and R Palmer (replays: B Dudleston).

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ACROSS

7 Before long (4)
8 Proceeding (5,3)
9 Requesting (6)
10 Explode (3,3)
11 Generous (4)
12 Stratified (2,6)
15 Go on and on (5,3)
17 Team (4)
18 Natter (6)
21 Cornish promontory (6)
22 Dead end (3,2,3)
23 Heavy drinker (4)

DOWN

1 Wretched existence (4,4)
2 Loosen up (6)
3 Bog (8)
4 Revered person (4)
5 Gracefully pleasing (6)
6 Young of cattle (4)
13 Gambler's friend (4,4)
14 Humanitarian body (3,5)
16 Be tangible example (6)
17 Frying fat sound (6)
19 Malarial fever (4)
20 Remainder (4)

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CHESS

By Raymond Keene

This position is from the game Timman — Kasparov, Linares 1992. Black is temporarily two pieces behind although he can, of course, recapture one on c8. However, the World Champion spotted a more dynamic continuation. Can you see it?



***Predictamove* game for the World Championship can be followed on Channel 4 Teletext, page 478.**

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BRIDGE

By Philip Howard

EPIRRHEMA
a. The lower nose bone
b. An address to an audience
c. Rhetorical exaggeration

KAPPIE
a. A sun-bonnet
b. Nut and raisin pie
c. The bowsprit

STAUNTON
a. A type of chain bridge
b. A standard chessman
c. A country dance

PLUTOGOGUE
a. A fat cat spokesman
b. Hermes, escort of the dead
c. Radar scanner

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